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Boku Wo Tsutsumu Tsuki No Hikari

-Embraced By the Moonlight-

VOLUME 6

SAKI HIWATARI

キャラクター紹介

小林亜梨子(旧姓:坂口)

蓮の母。現在は輪と結婚し声楽家として活躍。植物の感情を解するなどの特殊な能力を持つ。

小林輪

蓮の父。かつては前世の記憶＝紫苑の意志に支配され苦しんだが、現在は亜梨子と幸せな家庭を築いている。
作曲家(兼フリーター)。高いESP能力を持つ。

小林蓮

主人公の小学生。サイコメトリの能力に目覚め、輪の過去に大きな興味を持つが…!?

ツキをつかむ月の光

by 日渡早紀

木蓮

亜梨子の前世。紫苑と共に「守護天使」として小林家を見守っている。

紫苑

輪の前世。現在は「守護天使」として小林家を見守っている。

薬師丸未来路

カチコの父で、米EPIA勤務のエスパー。

薬師丸カチコ

蓮の幼なじみで父・未来路ゆずりESP能力を持つ。母親は未来路と同じEPIA勤務のエスパー、パメラ。(当人は知らない) 現在は小林家に同居している。

「帽子の記憶」編 前巻までのSTORY

●蓮は叔母の小学生・円から16年前に起きた「東京タワー爆発物特定不能事件」が父・輪によるものだと知らされ、父の過去への関心を強くする。

●同じ頃、輪は突然、月基地の夢を見た。目の前に現れた紫苑は、蓮が輪の帽子を通じて自分の過去の情報を読み取った可能性があること輪に告げるのだが…。

●転校生・山梨美影は暗いモノ大好きな女の子。美影はなぜか蓮に興味津々。その蓮は美影が描いた自分の似顔絵を見た途端、気絶してしまう…。

●病院へ運び込まれた蓮。駆けつけた輪は口調や態度、いつもと様子の違う蓮に驚くが…

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chapter 25

ボクを包む月の光

つつ つき ひかり

Memories of the Cap #5

Kachiko.
Tell me

How are you, Daddy? Anyway, recently Ren's been actin' weird. So, I wanted to ask you something about S and M.

Boston

STARES OFF

Ren's callin' himself "S". What's up with "S"? And you were "M" or something?

THERE'S TOO MUCH TO RECALL.

"T/N: Text being written in this font is spoken in English.

AW, TOO BAD.

I CAN'T READ JAPANESE.

IS IT YOUR HOBBY TO EAVESDROP?

...REI",

CLACK

MIKURO'S SUPERIOR

FIRST I'D MAKE FRIENDS WITH HER, AND THEN SLOWLY AND WITH PURPOSE I'D HAVE HER STUDY HERE AT THE OFFICE SO SHE CAN STAY WITH YOU.

A LETTER FROM YOUR BELOVED DAUGHTER KACHIKO? YOU SHOULD INTRODUCE ME TO HER SOMEDAY.

Silent.

HEY, YOU'RE GETTING QUIET AND IGNORING ME.

MINE-SAN SAID YOU HAVE DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES WHEN YOU'RE USING ENGLISH AND KANSAI DIALECT.

YOUR ENGLISH MODE REALLY IS COLD!

CLATTER

WON'T YOU GO AWAY AND GIVE ME A BREAK?

ONLY IF YOU INTRODUCE ME TO KACHIKO... OKAY?

NOPE.

GO AWAY.

YOU'RE REALLY NO GOOD WITH JOKES, HUH?

Ha ha ha!

GO.

Clang

NEVERMIND.

I'LL JUST GO GET AN EARLY START ON MY SCHEDULE.

PARTING.

...I'LL GIVE YOU TROUBLE...

Beep Beep

HOW BORING...

Shwip

WHAT IS IT?

RAY,

YOU CALLED?

I WANT TO DO A WELFARE CHECK ON AN IMPORTANT CHILD WHO WILL SHOULDER THE NEXT GENERATION.

YOU'RE TAKING A BUSINESS TRIP TO JAPAN, MINE.

EXACTLY! IT'S A SECRET FROM MIKURO.

WOULD THAT HAPPEN TO BE KACHIKO?

JAPAN X CHILD

...THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I THOUGHT YOU'D SAY. IT'S TOO BORING WHEN EVERYTHING GOES ACCORDING TO MY PREDICTION!

CUSHION

HEY!

I WON'T DO IT.

WHEN YOU COME BACK, I'LL TELL YOU.

DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW WHO... KACHIKO'S MOTHER IS?

AW, LOOK. MIKURO ALREADY REEEALLY HATES THE WHOLE THING ABOUT GETTING HER INVOLVED HERE AT THE OFFICE...

THAT'S FIGHTIN' DIRTY~~

Pat-Pat

I'm a pacifist!

EVEN LALE'S MOUTH IS SHUT, SO OF COURSE I WANT T' KNOW!!

I, OF COURSE, KNOW.

THERE'S NO REASON TO PUSH IT~~ ASK SOMEONE ELSE.

FUCKTH

HE'S BEEN STUDYING VERY WELL,

SO AS A REWARD WE SHOULD LET HIM VISIT HOME.

LALE'S A GOOD KID. HE WAS A BIG ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR MIKURO, SO HE'S A CAPABLE PERSON WE SHOULD TAKE CARE OF.

IN PLACE OF MIKURO'S APPROVAL, I'LL BE THE ONE TO ALLOW YOU TO GO AS HIS TRAVELING COMPANION.

HE'LL BE VERY HELPFUL, I'M SURE.

AND STARTING TOMORROW, MIKURO HAS A JOB IN MEXICO... HEH HEH HEH!

...

THE PARADISE PROJECT.

I'LL MAKE A PARADISE FOR THEM.

IT WOULD BE TO PROTECT THE NEXT GENERATION FROM THE TOILS OF MODERN SOCIETY.

LATELY, ALL YOU TALK ABOUT IS KIDS, KIDS, KIDS... IT'S LIKE YOU'RE HUNTING THEM.

WHAT'LL YOU DO IF YOU GATHER ALL THE KIDS WITH AN ESP FACTOR?

...
WELL.

DID YOU COME TO FIND ME? WHAT ABOUT YOUR WORK?

IT'S FINE. MORE IMPOR-TANTLY

LALE! HOW'RE YOU?

MINE!

WHAT?!

I'LL TAKE YOU TO GO SEE PEOPLE YOU WANT TO SEE.

JUST AS A LITTLE VACATION.

SO, YOU WANT TO GO TO JAPAN WITH ME?

LET'S JUST TALK IN JAPA-NESE:

DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE THE LOOKS ON THEIR FACES?

... YEAH.

I DO.

OPENS

THEN I'LL HURRY AND TELL REN AND KACHIKO!

BETTER TO SURPRISE THEM IN PERSON!

AH~~~~! NO NEED!

MIKURO TOLD ME TO SAY HI FOR HIM TOO.

REALLY?!

Whisper

Whisper

Whisper

LOOK, LOOK, IT'S REN!

YEAH, REN'S COMING!

OOHHH, SO YOU WANT TO SEE SOMEONE BESIDES KA-CHIKO?

HAHA!

YEAH, HIS NAME'S REN.

OOHHHH, HE'S SO COOL!

Whisper

I REALLY WANT TO SEE HIM.

Whisper

Whisper

REN HIT A HOME RUN. IT WAS AMAZING!

YESTERDAY WHEN THE BOYS WERE PLAYING BASEBALL,

THAT WAS SO AWESOME WHEN HE MADE MOKOYAMA BOW!!

Whisper

THEY SAID IT WAS MAGIC,

BUT REN'S MAGIC IS WAY BETTER!!

HE'S SO AWESOME~!

AH! HE'S LOOKING OVER HERE!

BUT HE REALLY FLEW, DIDN'T HE?

IT'S A MYSTERY. JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO THERE WAS A BIG FUSS ABOUT HIS DAD BEING ABLE TO FLY.

SINCE WHEN DID REN GET SO SMART?

Snort Snort

HE'S COMING!

HUH?!

HUH— WHAT?

HE'S COMING HERE!

M

M

GASP

POW

Catch

SORRY! GOOD THING I DIDN'T BREAK THE GLASS.

WATCH OUT, YOU COULD HAVE HIT THE GIRLS!

YOU GUYS WATCH OUT TOO, OKAY?

MARINE CREW

HE'S S-KUN.

HE'S DIFFERENT FROM REN.

OH, SCARY!

For sure, Ren's cool!!

Squeaaaaa! Squeaaaaa!

Nooooo waaaaaaay! Ren is soooooo cooooooo!!!

RIGHT NOW, HE SAID HE'S S-KUN.

I'M TELLING YOU THE TRUTH.

GO AWAY!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, MIKAGE?

Shoo shoo

AHH!

STOP, MIKAGE, YOU'LL BE BULLIED!

I REALLY WANT TO HEAR YOUR OPINION.

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT WAR?

HEY, CAPUTSUN,

...

WISH HE'D QUIT WITH THE S-MODE.

TAK TAK

HEY, KACHIKO,

DON'T YOU THINK SO?

THAT'S A LIE. I KNOW *YOU'VE* GOT AN OPINION.

I REALLY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT WAR.

WHAT DO I THINK ...?

WE SHOULD DISCUSS WAR A LOT MORE,

BECAUSE THE WORLD IS FULL OF COWARDLY ADULTS...!

SAY, REN.

YES?

Scratches

WHO'S "S"?

!

MY MENTAL AGING SUDDENLY JUMPED UP.

AREN'T I DIFFERENT FROM WHO I WAS BEFORE?

THAT'S WHO I AM NOW.

MY NEW SELF!

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE SOMEONE ELSE?

TELL ME WHAT REN HIMSELF WAS THINKING.

AAH!

...I...!

WHOSE INFLUENCE ARE YOU UNDER? THIS DOESN'T SEEM LIKE YOU.

YOU WERE SOMEONE WHO COULD NATURALLY SAY INTERESTING THINGS.

IT RUINS YOU INSTEAD.

DON'T BORROW OTHER PEOPLE'S WORDS...

BUT THOSE DUMB GIRLS WANTED YOU TO DO IT, TOO.

I DIDN'T WANT TO,

HUH?

WHAT?

THE LOVE LOVE CLUB

WE'RE PLAYIN' THE GAME WHERE YOU DECIDE WHO LIKES WHO. WANNA PLAY?

HEY, REN!

I THOUGHT OF THEM MYSELF ...

I'M NOT BORROWING, THESE ARE MY OWN WORDS!

X-BOY

MARINE CREW

WHAAAT?!!

HUH... UH... YEAH... UM... S... SURE?

Whaaaaat?!

OH!

A PROPOSAL FOR WHO REN LIKES!!

PEOPLE WHO ALREADY HAVE SOMEONE THEY LIKE USUALLY CAN'T JOIN, RIGHT? REN... CAN DO IT?

BE-CAUSE ...!

WHAT'S UP, MOE?

BUT, BUT, BUT

BUT WHAAA AAAAT?

WHO IS IT, MOE? TELL US!!

...KA-CHIKO ...?

WELL ...?

TAN TAN

HUH?

I DUNNO.

ARINE CREW

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TA

... HUH?
HH
OH?

I...

REW

I DON'T REALLY HAVE SOMEONE I LIKE.

NO ONE CAN BE LIKE MY IDEAL WOMAN, AFTER ALL.

WHOSE THAT?

ALICE... MY MOST BELOVED PERSON.

SHE'S MY MOTHER, THOUGH.

MARINE CREW

AN TAN

It's Tokyo Tower.

I need to go to Tokyo Tower.

I need to hurry and go to Tokyo Tower.

MARINE CREW

AND THE LIBRARY ASSISTANT IS... YAKUSHIMARU-SAN.

YES.

PLEASE TAKE BACK THESE BOOKS!

YE—ES.

Bing bong

Bing bong

I'm still not good enough to become S.

Definitely not, huh, guardian angels?

If I go there, I'll find out everything.

I feel like that place is wrapped up in everything.

I'M THE LIBRARY ASSISTANT, TOO.

CAPUT-SUN!

REN SURE HAS BEEN STRANGE.

LATELY,

!

There we go!

SO,

REN DID PSY-CHOMETRY ON RIN-OCCHAN'S CAP THAT HE GOT.

I DON'T REALLY GET IT ALL MYSELF,

BUT IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S PUTTING UP AN ACT LIKE RIN-OCCHAN.

BUT THE WAY HE'S DOIN' IT IS IN A REALLY WEIRD WAY.

...WHAT?

I JUST THOUGHT, ER... THAT'S CAPUTSUN AS USUAL TO NOTICE...

Hiwatari's Endless Chattering

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Hello! I'm happy to see you again ♥ I'm Hiwatari Saki.

In the previous volume, I talked about some personal matters and came out about the surgery I had last year, and I received a lot of warm wishes from you all. I'm extremely grateful! I'd like to use part of this space to thank you all. Thank you very, very much! I'm completely fine now, though.

Except I've always been someone to prattle on about strange things, so the very fact that I'm able to make a living this way is a miracle in and of itself. I only write manga thanks to all of you.

How should I write something that you'll all be satisfied with... as you can see, it's still very unrefined. Um... I'm sorry. I'll keep doing my best from here on out to make you all happy ♥

S
A NAME HE TOOK A LONG TIME AGO, MAYBE, BUT I DON'T REALLY KNOW.
THEN, S IS OJISAN?
IT SEEMS HE SAW A VISION OF OCCHAN AS A KID.
WHEN HE READ THE CAP,
THE WAY HE IS RIGHT NOW, OCCHAN'S NOT A VERY COOL ADULT,
BUT WHEN HE WAS A KID, HE MUST HAVE BEEN PRETTY COOL.
HE THOUGHT HE'D HAVE ME MEET HIM TOO, SO HE TRIED RUNNIN' THROUGH THE TORII GATE OF THE SHRINE A BUNCH OF TIMES.
OH, THAT'S RIGHT.
I DIDN'T SAY THAT,
I JUST SAID HE SOUNDED COOL.
HAVE YOU MET HIM... KA-CHIKO,
DID YOU SAY ANYTHING ABOUT WANTING TO MEET HIM?

I'M MORE LIKELY JUST TO LOOK AT HIM AND COCK MY HEAD,

WITH THINGS LIKE THIS,

BUT YOU'RE AMAZING, CAPUTSUN.

...MM, NOT NECESSARILY.

...

REN REALLY CAN'T HIDE ANYTHING FROM YOU, HUH?

BUT WITH CAPUTSUN,

...

THE MORE IT'S NORMAL FOR THEM NOT TO SHOW OR SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT TO ANYONE.

THE MORE CRUCIAL SOMETHING IS TO SOMEONE,

I'M NOT OFF THE MARK.

...ER... CAPUTSUN,

YOU MIGHT BE JUST A LITTLE OFF THE MARK WITH THAT KIND OF WORRY...

SO HE'S GOT THAT KIND OF DISPOSITION.

REN'S A GUY, AFTER ALL,

I'M RIGHT ON IT.

EVEN I CAN TELL THAT REN'S BEEN TRYING TOO HARD LATELY.

TRYING TOO HARD TO BE COOL, OR SOMETHING.

HE MIGHT BE THINKING, IF I DO THIS THAN I CAN BE COOL,

LIKE HE'S TRYING TO SHOW SOMEONE SOMETHING.

WHO? WAS THAT HIS DISPOSI-TION, HUH?

YOU DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?

TO YOU, KACHIKO.

HE'S TRYING TO SHOW OFF TO YOU.

...HUH?

IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT, THAT MAKES YOU A LITTLE SLOW.

YOU COULDN'T EVEN TELL THAT HE WAS TRYING TO ACT COOL TO SHOW OFF TO YOU?

IT'S JUST LIKE A WHILE BACK WHEN YOU SAID,

"I DUNNO".

GEEZ... THAT FACE SAYS YOU HADN'T EVEN THOUGHT OF THAT.

What's with that reaction?

Fw-

ERR-

TAKE A LOOK AT HIS REACTION.

HE WAS ALL SHOOK UP--

Bang!

AHH, SO YOU WERE STILL HERE.

KACHIKO!

Flinch!

waaahh?!!

YOU'RE COMING, TOO!

THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW IS SUNDAY, SO I'M GOING TO TOKYO TOWER.

HEEEH, TOKYO TOWER SOUNDS FUN. I'M GOING TOO!

pokes

HUH...?! THE TOWER ...

...AH, CAPUT-SUN!

... WHAT?!

RIGHT?

IT'S OKAY, RIGHT REN?

WHAT WAS WITH THAT JUST NOW...?

I KNOW YOU'RE HIDING A BUNCH OF STUFF AND ALL, BUT... HOW ABOUT

YOU TELL ME THEN, OKAY?

...REN?

HUH ... UH ...

CAPUTSUN...

...SURE... IT'S FINE FOR...

NOD

'kay

'kay...

LATER, THEN.

NOD

—MOM, I'M GOING OUT WITH KACHIKO THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW,

SO GIVE ME SOME CASH.

...DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

AH, YOU'RE BACK, KACHIKO.

THAT'S A SECRET, 'CAUSE IT'S A DATE.

YOU'VE BEEN ACTING SUSPICIOUSLY LATELY, AFTER ALL.

YOU HAVE TO TELL US BEFORE YOU GO.

.. WHERE WILL YOU GO?

HUH?! A DATE?!

No boys' friendship might be good, huh.

NOTHIN' HAPPENED. .

NOD

JUST SOME CULTURE SHOCK.

What's with talking back like that!!

Smack!

You don't even know what acting suspiciously means!!

Flinch

...

...I DON'T NEED YOU TO TELL ME THAT.

YOU THINK YOU'RE THE ONLY KID WHO ACTS LIKE AN ADULT?!

I WILL SURPASS YOU!!!

YOU'RE QUITE MISTAKEN!!

IF YOU'RE GOING TO TALK ALL HIGH AND MIGHTY,

GET A JOB FIRST, YOU GOOD FOR NOTHING OLD MAN!!!

MARINE CREW

Rin-kun, get a job.

That... stupid...

Slam.

Stomp

WHA-

Stomp

FAKE KOBA-YASHI RIN!!

POO-RIN THE LIAR!

Stomp

THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM HERE, IS IT?

IT'S NOT?

IT'S IMPORTANT TO REN. HE WANTS YOU TO HAVE SOME DIGNITY AS HIS FATHER.

ISN'T THAT WHY HE'S REBELLING?

I CAN'T EVEN LISTEN TO ANYTHING YOU SAY!

IT'S JUST THAT REN READ MY CAP

AND GOT SOME OF MY MEMORIES FROM A LONG TIME AGO.

DON'T TURN THIS INTO SOMETHING IT ISN'T.

IF IT'S JUST A TEMPORARY CONDITION, IT'S FINE.

THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU, HIS MOTHER, TO GET SO WORKED UP ABOUT IT, SO CALM DOWN.

WHATEVER MATURE INFORMATION HE GOT,

IT CAN'T BE HELPED THAT HE'S JUST AN 8-YEAR-OLD KID BORROWING SOME KNOWLEDGE.

IT WASN'T BY CHANCE THAT WE ENDED UP BEING HIS PARENTS.

AS LONG AS HE KNOWS THAT, EVEN IF HE DOESN'T LIKE IT, THAT'S FINE.

I KNOW THAT...!

THAT'S WHAT'S IMPORTANT HERE!

DO YOU GET IT?!

LOOKS AWAY

BUT ALL I'M HEARING IS THAT YOUR DIGNITY AS HIS FATHER ISN'T IMPORTANT!

YOU PREACH AND PERSUADE,

IT'S LIKE YOU'RE TRYING TO TAKE THAT ALL BACK AND JUST STAY A LITTLE BOY.

BUT NOW THAT YOU'VE REALLY BECOME AN ADULT,

YOU WANT TO RELIVE THAT TIME WITH REN.

I DO I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, RIN-KUN.

I GET IT, DON'T I?

DOESN'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT TO GO DOWNSTAIRS SO SHE CAN BRUSH HER TEETH.

YOU MESSED AROUND WITH SHION-SAN'S MEMORIES AND YOU... BECAME AN ADULT IN A HURRY.

WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE,

I KNOW ALL THAT.

I'M REN'S MOTHER,

I KNOW THAT REN CAN'T HELP BUT GROW UP.

Tears dropping

Tears dropping

AND THAT'S WHAT YOU SHOULD DO NOW!

GROW UP...

SNIFFLE

...I UNDER-STAND.

I UNDER-STAND, SO DON'T CRY...

SNIFFLE

OKAY?

SNIFFLE

SNIFFLE

SNIFFLE

SNIFFLE

I WANTED TO LET YOU BE FREE TO DO THAT,

BUT NOW THE SITUATION IS DIFFERENT!

DISQUALIFIED AS HEAD OF THE HOUSE.

I'LL GET A JOB.

...OKAY.

I'LL WORK. OKAY?

SNIFFLE

SNIFFLE

BUT THAT STUFF OBASAN JUST SAID,

SN'T IT SOMEHOW IMPORTANT?

..SEEMS LIKE THEY MADE UP.

Phew!

..Ikemen?

EVEN THOUGH HE S A COOL GUY WHOSE KINDA LIKE DADDY?!

then does that mean Ren is wrapped up in Occhan's memories?

Call me S!

Then...

the whole, whose pulling all the strings is...

I don't really get it, but it seems that Ikemen is Rin-occhan's past self.

That's what Ren said, anyway.

And then Rin-occhan got wrapped up in Ikemen's memories?

If so,

TIME TO HIT THE SACK.

THE POINT CAPUTSUN WAS WORRIED ABOUT WAS OFF.

AND I'M GETTING WRAPPED UP IN IT.

THE STUFF CAPUTSUN SAID WAS JUST WEIRD.

Eep!

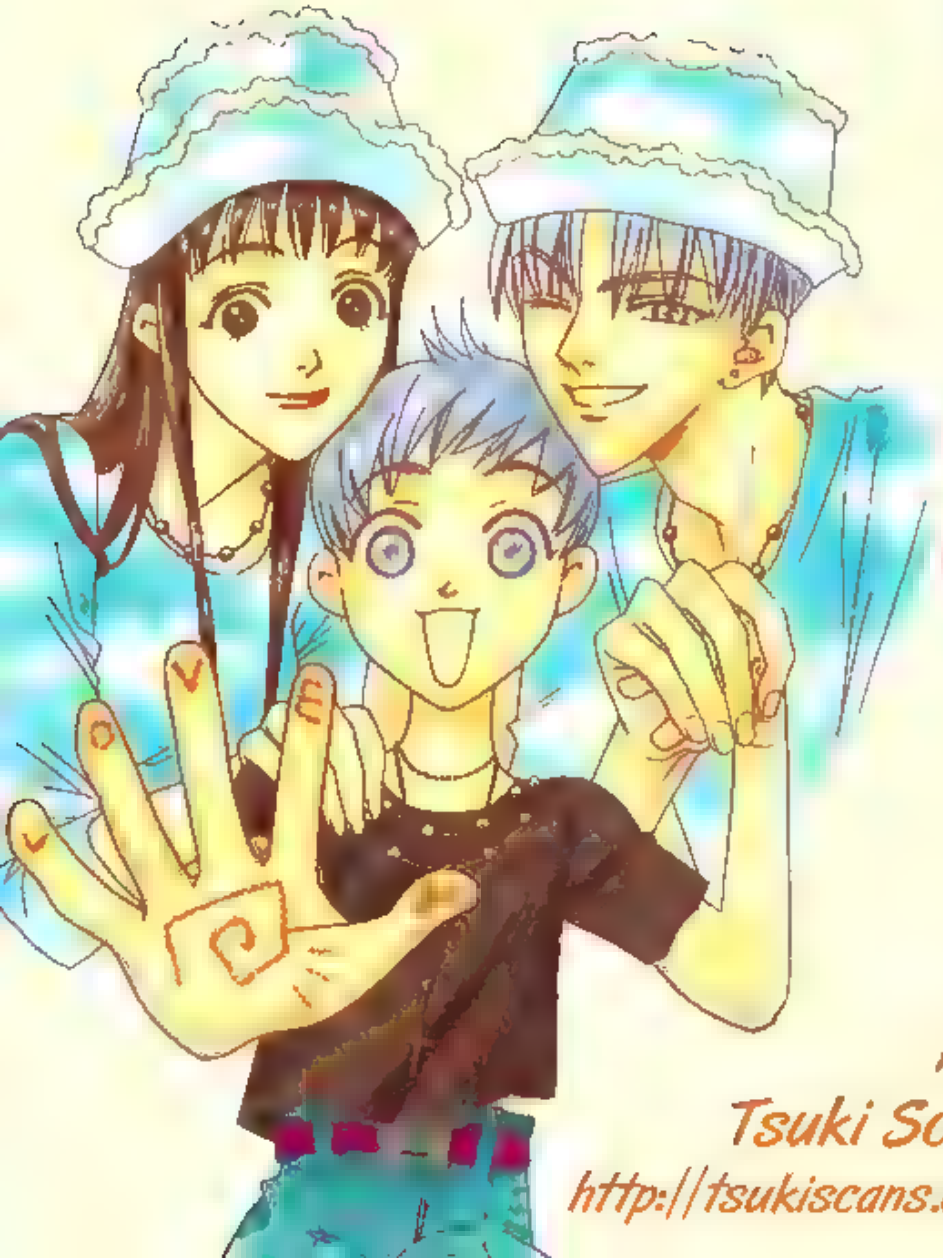
POPS

I THINK IT'S BECAUSE HE WANTS TO LOOK COOL TO KACHIKO!

...I'll become S.

I'll become S at Tokyo Tower.

I will definitely surpass Dad—!!



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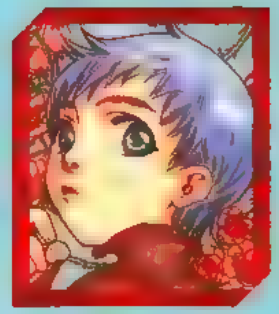

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Ren, who picked up information about the past by using psychometry on the cap he received from Rin, seems to be acting like Rin when he was a child. In order to unravel the mysteries of a dream he saw one night, he's going to Tokyo Tower with Kachiko and the others ?! A PSME next generation story, volume 6! ☆

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輪から貰った帽子から過去の情報をサイコメトリした蓮は、少年時代の輪のような行動を繰り返すようになる。その後自分を「S」だと名乗り、様子がおかしい蓮。ある夜見た、少年の夢の謎を解く為にカチコ達と東京タワーへと向かった蓮は、紫苑＝輪の記憶に翻弄されて――!?

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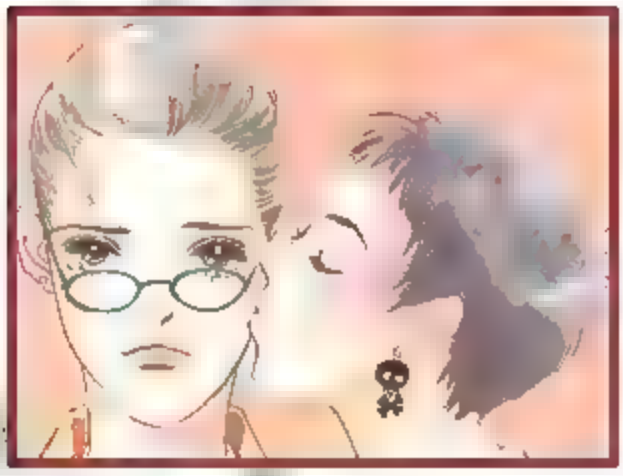

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Hey, Ikemen...

Dad was no good, but I'm here.

Guardian angels,

I'm going to Tokyo Tower today.

I'll see out the promise Dad made to you.

Isn't that cool?

Chapter 26
Memories of the Cap #6

So, tell me. What kind of promise was it?

I'll become the real Kobayashi Rin.

It's the coolest.

WE'RE JUST HANGING OUT AROUND THE STATION, SO IT'S FINE!!

NO!

...HMM...

ARE YOU BOTH BRINGING ENOUGH SPENDING MONEY?

WHAT ABOUT A HANDKERCHIEF? TISSUES? CELL PHONES?

HUH?

AH.

HM? IT'S SAKURA-CHAN.

R R R R R

Alice? Is now okay?

YES, SAKURA-CHAN?

WE'RE LE— EAVING.

Huh? What?

HUH.

AAAH.

WAIT UP!!

...I WONDER IF I SHOULD GO ALONG.

YOU'RE PERSISTENT. WE GOT THEM!

I DON'T WANT MOM COMING ALONG.

IS THIS OKAY?

Hiwatari's Endless Chattering

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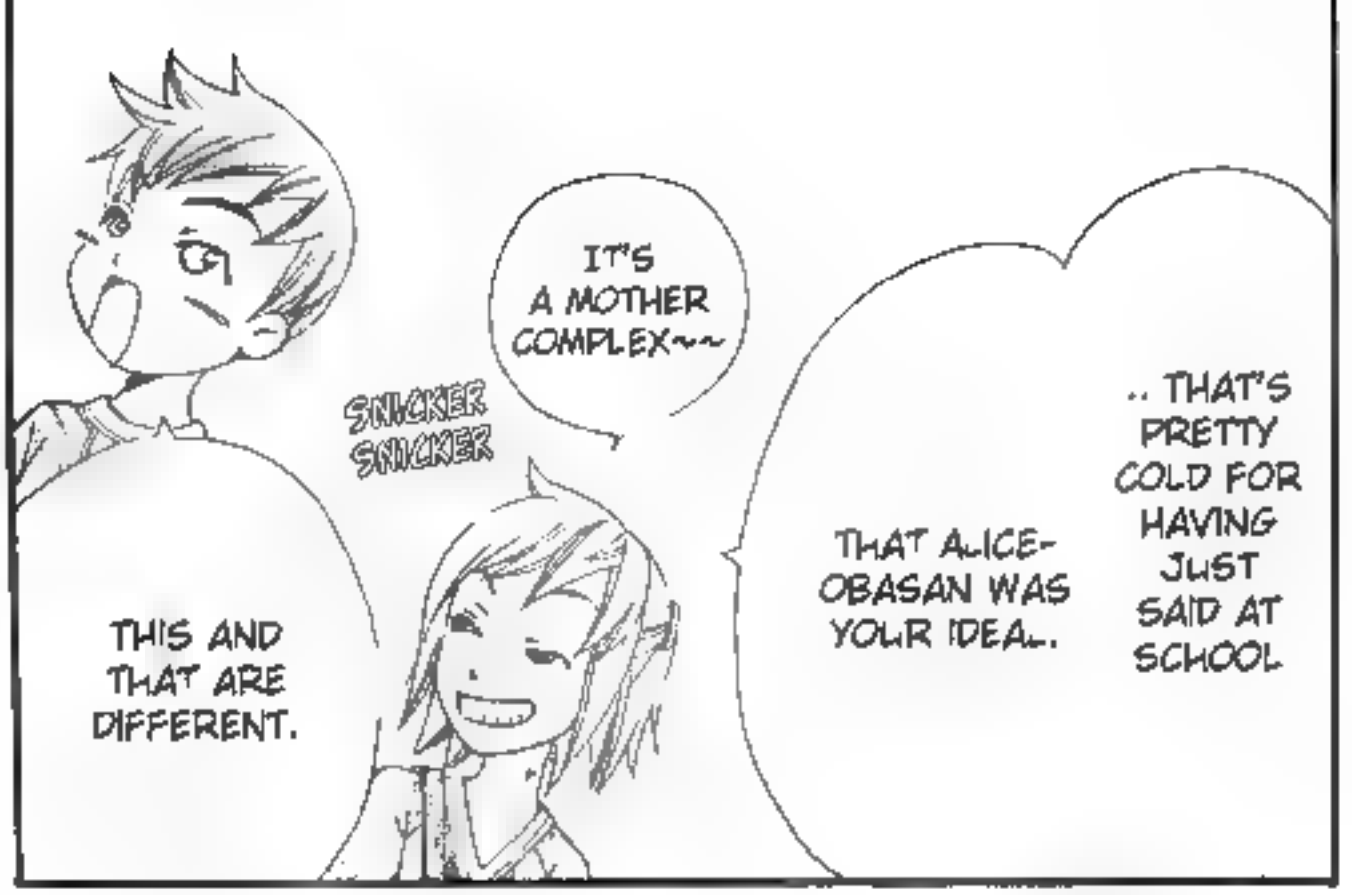
Sorry for going on about personal matters, but I could write a bit more Before this volume was set to come out, I saw both my cat, Fuuta, (January ϕ8) and my mother (March 'ϕ8) off to heaven some of you may have been worried about my mother, and I thank you very much for that

Well, I've frequently been told how when you lose those who are closest to you, that something new sprouts in its place If that's the case, then I've decided to go green You're probably asking why, or more clearly, you're trying to figure out my motives by asking, "Why are you going green?"

As for how much I've been doing, I've cut my utility bills in half in my own little ways

Do you all try to go green, too? Do you use non-disposable chopsticks and bring your own bags to the store? I do! Here's another question "What are your reasons for a green lifestyle?"


IT'S A MOTHER COMPLEX~~
SNICKER SNICKER
THIS AND THAT ARE DIFFERENT.
THAT ALICE-OBASAN WAS YOUR IDEAL.
.. THAT'S PRETTY COLD FOR HAVING JUST SAID AT SCHOOL
I DON'T GET IT.
HOW'S IT DIFFERENT?
REN AND KACHIKO-CHAN TODAY THEY'RE GOING ON A DATE AROUND THE STATION, THEY SAID...
AHH— THEY LEFT.
Whaaat?! If it's just around the station, they should be fine
Who did?
Well, I was asking everyone about what date would suit them best, and—
By the way, about the reunion this year
you know how I said we'd do it at our house?

SO HOW ABOUT EVERY-ONE MEETING UP AT NISHIKIORI'S TONIGHT... RIN-KUN?

...SO? IT SEEMS EVERYONE IS REALLY BUSY.

SEEMS LIKE TODAY IS THE ONLY CON-VENIENT DAY, SHE SAID.

YOU CAN JUST GO TO A TEMPO-RARY EM-PLOYMENT OFFICE AND DO A NORMAL JOB!!

AFTER DECLARING TIME AFTER TIME THAT YOU'D START DOING IT AGAIN!!

NO,

YOU— YOU CAN'T COMPOSE?!

THAT'S NOT IT...

MAYBE IT'S HOW TO HANDLE THE SOFTWARE?

TOO LONG OF A BREAK.

I FORGOT HOW TO WORK.

WHAAAAAT?!

ANYWAY!! I'M LEAVING TO GO HELP SAKURA-CHAN COOK NOW!!

I'M SENDING REN AND KA-CHIKO-CHAN A MESSAGE

TO HURRY AND COME HOME, SO TAKE THEM

THERE WITH YOU THIS EVE-NING, GOT IT?!

WELL?! UNDERSTAND?! ARE YOU EVEN TRYING?!

Float

Float

MEEHH

THE NO GOOD HUSBAND

THEY SAY WE NEED TO BE HOME BY 5 P.M....

THEY SAID ... WE'RE HAVING DINNER AT ISSEI-SAN AND SAKURA-SAN'S HOUSE TONIGHT.

HUH?

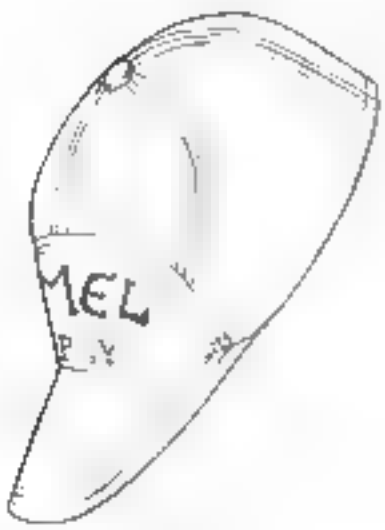
Chiaraworld

SINCE YOU WERE LYING ABOUT GOING THERE.

WELL WE BETTER HURRY TO TOKYO TOWER THEN,

That's right.

that 'it's okay to smile' message from Ikemen!!



Dad made an important promise with him of some kind,

but he left it unfinished.

and I was stupid enough to give him

I hadn't known any of that until I did psychometry on Dad's cap...

I hadn't known that when Ikemen was my age he was full of fear.

Just maybe... just maybe, this is my destiny...!!

NOTHING NOTHING

ENTURE, GAIN

If I go to Tokyo Tower,

Ikemen might even still be suffering now.

Station, East Exit

Tension

NO

HUH?

AH, CAPUT-SUN!!

HE-LLOO.

AH!

WAVE-WAVE

WERE YOU SPACING OUT?

FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES.

JUST NOW.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THERE?

I'm sure I'll find out something.

That's why even if I have to lie about it,

I'm going

TOKYO! IT'S BEEN SO LONG!

I THINK REN WILL BE REALLY HAPPY TO MEET YOU, MINE.

HEEEH, WHY'S THAT?

REN SAID HE WANTS TO BE A PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOMETRICIAN,

SO I TOLD HIM ABOUT HOW WHEN YOU FIRST MET MIKURO-SAN,

YOU SAW A STORM OF CHERRY BLOSSOMS.

BECAUSE I WROTE ABOUT YOU TO HIM!

ALL HE'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT IS THAT KID REN.

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING KACHIKO.

I'VE HEARD SHE LOOKS LIKE MIKURO.

KACHIKO'S PRETTY, TOO. AFTER ALL, HER MOM IS PRETTY—

I MEAN...

...WHAT, ISN'T IT OKAY?

UMMM, OVER THERE?

MAYBE.

I CAN'T!

MIKURO-SAN WOULD STOP ME.

TELL ME ALREADY, WHO IS KACHIKO'S MOTHER?

Clink

Pacific ocean

Energique

WHERE ARE YOU ALL GOING?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

I'LL GO, TOO!!

WOAH.

HUH?

AH!!

LALE?!

REN!! KACHIKO!! CAPUTSUN?!

NOTHING NOTHING

ぎゃはは

Kyahahaha

Ha ha ha

NICE TO MEET YOU, KACHIKO. JUST CALL ME MiNE!

SO THIS IS KACHIKO ...

SHE REALLY DOES ACT LIKE MiKURO.

Stare Stare

OHHH.

SO OCCHAN'S A PSYCHOM-ETRY PRO...

Stare

RIGHT?

Waaa, he is a pro.

HUM, YOU'RE CAPUT-SUN AND YOU'RE REN.

I PRETTY MUCH HEARD EVERYTHING FROM LALE.

わーい Yaaaay!

ALL RIGHT, IT'LL BE MY TREAT!!

SO YOU'RE GOING TO TOKYO TOWER?

MINE IS A HIGH LEVEL PSY-CHOMETRICIAN AND AN ESP MEMBER OF THE EPIA.

I HAVE TO GO NO MATTER WHAT! EVERY MAN HAS A TIME LIKE THIS.

I've got some not so very pleasant memo-ries there myself.*

BUT TOKYO TOWER AGAIN?

AND GOT TO TAKE ME ALONG.

HE HAS A JOB IN JAPAN THIS TIME SO HE GOT TO COME HOME.

*T/N: There's a Mikuro one-shot book to explain this, "Things Accidentally Left Behind".

It came... suddenly.

This brat is pretty cheeky to me.

Oh?

What the?

?

HAHAHA, IS THAT SO.

I KIND OF GET IT...

Vrrrrrm...

Woah?

NOTHING
NOTHI

What's this?

The Earth?

No, the moon?

Oh?

Oooh!!

Ooooohh hhhh!!!

Glint!

I

Wa–

...Oh?

Uwaaa aah!!!!

I AM A RATIONALIST, IF YOU MUST CALL ME SOMETHING.

...

IS CALLED AN "ESPER" MAKES ME WANT TO REACT...

RIGHT. SUDDENLY HEARING THAT SOMEONE

HE MEANS TELEPOR-TATION.

JUMP?

THAT'S RIGHT, CAPU-TSUN, YOU HAVEN'T SEEN KACHIKO-CHAN JUMP YET, HAVE YOU?

I'LL SHOW YOU— IT'S FINE IF IT'S FOR YOU.

WOULD YOU BE-LIEVE IT IF YOU SAW IT?

LIES!

THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE.

...I GOTTA GET A GRIP...

IT'S NOT POS-SIBLE.

BUT THERE'S TOO MANY PEOPLE HERE, SO NEXT TIME.

SNAP...

I've never seen such a beautiful woman!!!

Right now my job is to check up on Kachiko.

Ray's only desire is Kachiko.

Where did this kid get those kinds of memories...

wasn't that really unnatural in a bad way?

No.

Maybe it's the leftover consciousness of some adults around him?

Well, whatever it was—

Thank you, God!

It was such a great change of pace! Wait a sec—

But I—

I accidentally discovered a deeply interesting kid.

BUT ISN'T IT CLOSE?

THAT'S WEIRD.

IT'S TOKYO TOWER!

IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S STILL FAR AWAY, THOUGH.

Shoop

WHA—

HUH?

MY FOOT SUDDENLY FEELS REALLY HEAVY...

THAT'S FUNNY.

VENTURE CAN

THIS IS MY FIRST TIME GOING TO TOKYO TOWER.

LET'S TAKE THIS PATH UP THE HILL!

THIS LOOKS LIKE WE'RE COMING FROM THE REAR OF IT... WELL, WHATEVER.

I'LL GO FIRST!

I WANT TO GO UP FIRST!

ARE HIS PARENTS ASTRONAUTS OR SOMETHING?

YEAH,

THAT'S WHAT I WAS THINKING...

MOE'S DOING JUST FINE.

ARE YOU GOING TO SEE HER, TOO?

OH YEAH, LALE.

MAYBE IT'S MY IMAGINATION...?

I JUST THINK THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT NEED PROOF.

I WAS ONLY TRYING NOT TO BUY INTO ANY OF THAT FROM THE START.

BUT SHE'S AFRAID OF ESP.

SHE'S NOT LIKE CAPUTSUN OR ANYTHING,

IT'D BE HARD TO EXPLAIN EPIA STUFF TO HER...

STRUGGLE

STRUGGLE

Step Step Step

REN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? DON'T YOU WANT TO GO FIRST?

SO...

I DON'T WANT TO BE GROUPED WITH THAT SCAREDY MOE.

HUH?

Y... YEAH,

BUT... MY FEET JUST GOT REALLY HEAVY...

...WHAT KIND OF HANDS?

I DON'T SEE THEM.

DO THEY HAVE DARK SKIN?!

WHAT KIND OF HANDS?!

HEEEH...

SO YOU'RE AWARE OF THEM.

YEAH, THAT'S THEM.

HANDS WITH DARK SKIN.

YEAH... I GUESS THEY WOULD BE, HUH.

HUH?

IT'S FAINT...

FROM RATIONALIST CAPUTSUN'S PERSPECTIVE THIS MIGHT BE HARD TO HEAR, BUT I SEE A HAND AROUND REN'S FOOT.

SO I JUST SEE THE HANDS.

I WONDER WHY...

IT SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE TRYING TO STOP YOU...

Whoosh

WHAAAAAAAAT—

I'M NOT JOKING.

THAT KIND OF JOKE MATERIAL AGAIN...?!

HE'S TRYING TO STOP ME...?

IT FEELS LIKE...

THAT'S HOW IT LOOKS TO ME.

PCHS!!

GLARES

is covering for Dad.

Covering for him...!!

NOTHING NOTHING

NOTHING NOTHING

URE

Dash

REN!

I HAVE TO GO THERE!!

Ikemen knows that I know about Dad,

Ikemen is too nice to Dad-

That's why he tried to stop me.

and that if I go home, I'll definitely get scolded by Dad.

...BUT I'M THE ONE WHO'S PAYING...

THEN HURRY UP!

Chink

...AH ...!

NOTHING
NOTHING

REN?!

TRIP

WHAT HAPPENED?

ARE YOU NOT FEELING WELL?

WHY NOT TAKE A REST?

HEY, REN... DON'T PUSH YOURSELF.

YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD.

NO, I'M FINE.

...I WANT TO GO HIGHER...

SHUT UP!!

IF I SAID I'M GOING HIGHER, THEN I'M GOING HIGHER!!

WHAT YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THIS.

REN REALLY IS ACTING STRANGE.

...YOU GET IT NOW, CA-PUTSUN?

Y... YEAH.

X-STICK

...WHAT'S WRONG WITH REN...

IT'S ALMOST AS IF HE'S A DIFFERENT PERSON...

IT'S THE PLACE.

STEPS

HERE,

TOKYO TOWER.

Ah!

HE'S READING FROM TOKYO TOWER—

MOST LIKELY.

YOU MEAN HE'S DOING PSYCHOMETRY?!

FROM WHAT?!

X-STICK

HE DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO READ, DOES HE?!

AH!

I WONDER IF HE'S DOING PSYCHOMETRY...!

HUH?

THEIR PERSONALITY CHANGES.

I WAS TAUGHT THAT SOMETIMES WHEN PEOPLE DO PSYCHOMETRY,

Touch me!

Te. me Anne

HE READ MY FEELINGS AND THEY MIGRATED OVER TO HIM AND MADE HIM YELL OUT, RIGHT...?!

SEE? BEFORE WHEN REN READ ANNE'S SHAWL,

"Now there won't be any more war."

HE'S READING SOMEONE'S LEFT-OVER CONSCIOUSNESS ASSOCIATED WITH TOKYO TOWER.

LIKE A DOWNLOAD, I GUESS YOU COULD SAY.

Rin-occhan...?!

Then does that mean it's—

"Though it's peaceful right now.

"Even at this moment,

the second or third Shion will be born."

won't allow me

to think that just me alone is enough."

AH! I'M SORRY, YOUNG MAN. PLEASE DON'T TOUCH THAT

NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO GO THROUGH THAT DOOR.

NO... I'M GOING HIGHER THAN HERE.

REN!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

SHUT UP!!!

OPEN IT!!

OPEN IT!!!

OPEN IT!!

DID... THE POWER GO OUT?

ALL THE POWER IS OUT?!

REN!

WHAT HAPPENED?! REN!!

COLLAPSE...

...!!

LALE!!

Whoo

Whoo

Whoo

Whoo

Please listen to this announcement.

The power will return shortly.

In the meantime, please wait calmly

HURRY AN' CALL AN AMBULANCE!!!

Mom—

HM?

SLIP

AH—

EEK!

!!!!!

Shatter

HMM.

I BETTER BUY HER ANOTHER ONE.

CLINK

I DROPPED THE PLATE AND IT BROKE. I'LL CLEAN IT UP.

I'M SORRY, SAKURA-CHAN.

...AH

SHOU-LDN'T THEY?

REN AND KACH'KO SHOULD BE HEADING HOME SOON.

I'M REALLY SORRY.

BE CAREFUL, OKAY?

IT'S ALL RIGHT— ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

Close

UUNGH ...

Flush

UH OH ..

Wha, what's this all of a sudden?

I don't feel so good...

UH...!

HM?

SAKURA-CHAN IS EX-PECTING,

SO TODAY I HAVE TO HOLD MYSELF TOGETHER AND BE A GOOD HOSTESS

...Huh?

What?

why my kiche?

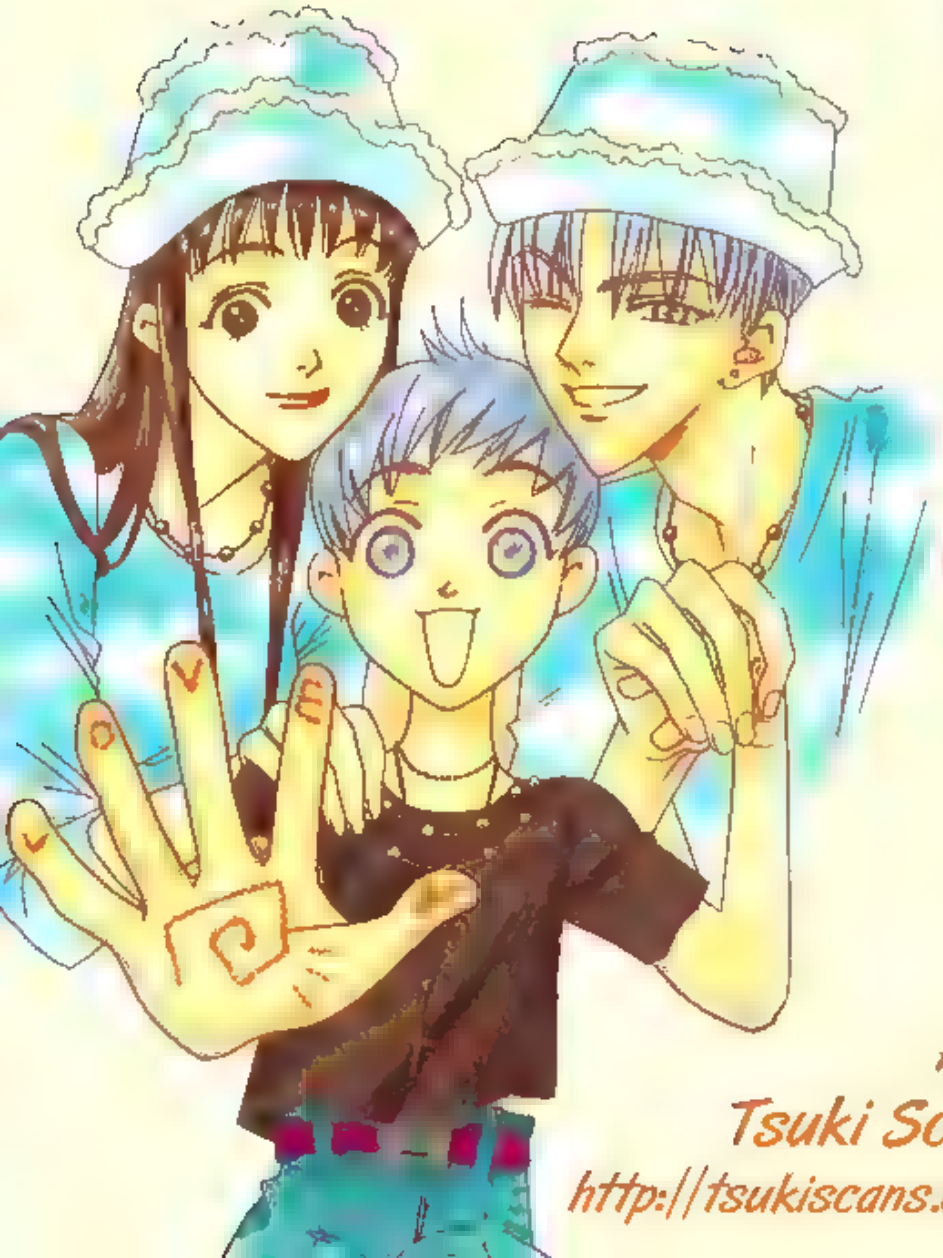
Why now? I wasn't singing or anything...

I wonder why, but...

What?

I just got a bad feeling...

—Ren...?



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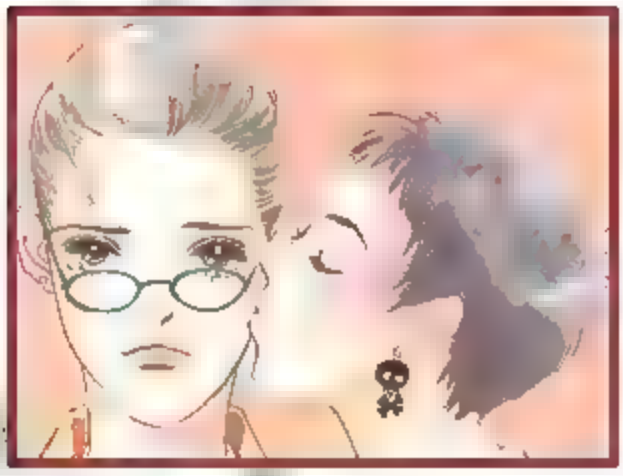

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HEY, SAKURA!!

AH, YOU'RE ALL HERE! COME IN, COME IN!!

CROWDING

...AH ..

R... RIGHT

ALICE, EVERYONE'S HERE~~!

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UH, YEAH.

JUST A SECOND...

Bustle

Bustle

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HURRY AND COME SAY HI!!

Yaaaaaay, thaaaaank yoooou! I'm so happy~~!

RUSTLE

THIS IS SOMETHING FROM ME AND DAISUKE!

HEY, SAKURA, CONGRAT-ULATIONS ON YOUR PREG-NANCY!!

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A To protect the environment

B To cut down on carbon emissions

I think both are very correct answers! ♥ But please listen to my babbling It might just be because I've written a lot of manga with the earth as a motif, but when I become conscious of it all, it all becomes clear and I start to cry in big, plopping tears (laughs)

I think the souls of my family members and my cats have gone somewhere else We have no way of knowing where that destination is But then there's the body left over I thought very carefully about what to do with their remains after they were done living in them, which is why I think I can say this

They were both cremated. They were burned away, but as for where they went, that was to the earth.

That was when it hit me The bodies of one person and of one cat were part of the earth's resources That's why they went back to the earth

OH!
AHH, BEAUTIFUL AS ALWAYS. SO CUTE~!
HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?!
SA—KA-GUCHI-SAAAAN! IT'S BEEN SO LONG!
I THINK IT'LL BE USELESS FOR ALL ETERNITY TO TRY TO PERSUADE HIM...
JINPACHII, A-CHAN IS A KOBAYASHI NOW. HOW MANY YEARS HAVE WE BEEN TELLING YOU THIS?
...HM?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD...
SAKAGUCHI-SAN,

I'LL... GIVE THEM A CALL, I THINK.

YEAH,

Beeeeeep

Beeeeeep

AH, MY PHONE.

HN?

IT'S ALICE, ISN'T IT?

CHE—

WHAT IS IT NOW.

WHAT'S THE MATTER, HARU!!

YOU WERE ALL OVER HER, JINPACHI-SAN.

HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BRING REN AND KACHIKO, WASN'T HE?

OH YEAH, RIN'S LATE, HUH.

IT'S ALREADY PAST 5.

HUH?

EH... AH... NO...

YOUR KICHE CAME OUT!

WERE YOU SINGING?

GRAB

It's past 5.

WEREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO TOLD ME TO WORK?!

FLY OMIES

ALICE?

GEEZ, JUST NOW I HAD A REALLY GREAT MELODY COMING TO ME!!

So. . where are the k ds ?

...It's past 5.

AAH?!

Clock on the computer: 5:27

HOH

—AH.

...WHAT?

I feel like they may have to d a lie

and gone somewhere else.

I .

Hurry... hurry and find them, Rin-kun

OH... HUH? DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THEY'RE HOME YET...

Find them on the computer... right away...

THEY WERE IN FRONT OF THE STATION, RIGHT?

... ER.

AH—

HANG ON.

IT'S THE HOME PHONE.

I'VE GOT A REALLY BAD FEELING... IT'S OVER-WHELMING...

Occhan, it's terrible!! Ren fainted again!!

Occhan!

Aa, good, you picked up.

GRABS

OH, KACHIKO!

WHERE ARE YOU?!

RR RRR RR

KOBA-YASHI...

YES,

I HAD NO IDEA SOMETHIN' LIKE THIS WOULD HAPPEN...!!

WE WENT TO TOKYO TOWER TODAY.

OCCHAN, I'M SORRY ...

... BUT ...

REN WAS SAYING HOW HE WANTED TO GO NO MATTER WHAT

Throws

We called an ambulance and we're at the hospital right now.

Hurry and come!!

What?

You just got a call from Kachiko-chan, didn't you?!

Rustle

Rustle

Rustle

What did she say?!

...She said... Ren fainted again.

FLY HOMIES STL

No...

Where...?!

Seems it wasn't around the station.

—she said it was around... Tokyo Tower.

It seems it may have exerted a bad influence on him,

and if so, there's a high probability that the information is mine.

Don't blow it out of proportion.

I'll go over there and get them.

I'll get the details from them when I get there.

Tokyo Tower...?!

Why?!

Why did they go to Tokyo Tower?!

Why did they keep it secret?!

Everyone's over there with you, right?

Would you calm down?

BE A GOOD KITTY,

YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF THE HOUSE WHILE I'M GONE.

It's like a virus.

DID YOU GET THROUGH TO HIM ON HIS CELL?

YOU WERE JUST TALKING TO HIM, RIGHT?

YEAH, I HAD TO GET HIM ON THE HOME PHONE THOUGH.

HE SAID HE'LL BE HERE SOON, SO IT'S OKAY.

HM. BUT STILL...

WE LEFT THE STATION AS SOON AS WE RAN INTO THESE KIDS.

I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TIME TO EAT...

I'm sorry.

ALL RIGHT!

OCCHAN'S ON HIS WAY!!

FIX

I DON'T GET IT...

AH! HE'S HERE!

Eeurrgh

I'M BEAT. I CAN'T JUST LEAVE THESE GUYS NOW, EVEN THOUGH I'M SO HUNGRY

OJISAN!!

OCCHAN, OVER HERE!!

THE DOCTOR'S DOING A QUICK CHECK-UP ON HIM.

HE HASN'T WOKEN UP YET.

WHERE'S REN?

I

GOT IT!

OVER HERE!

Gasp

DIDN'T HE GET HERE A LITTLE FAST?

WHAT'S THE MATTER, MINE? I WANT TO GO, TOO.

THAT'S REN'S DAD?

YEAH, HE'S YOUNG AND COOL, ISN'T HE? CAN I GO NOW?

IT SEEMS A LITTLE... TOO QUICK FOR HIM TO GET HERE,

NO MATTER HOW YOU THINK ABOUT IT.

... HOWEVER,

YEAH, HE SURE IS YOUNG AND COOL.

TO THINK THE CIRCUMSTANCES WERE STRANGE, DID HE?

EVEN THAT RATIONALIST CAPUTSUN DIDN'T EVEN SEEM

JUST MAYBE THAT DAD OF HIS TELEPORTED...

MINE!!

MIKURO-SAN SAID IT'S FINE

NOT TO GET REN INVOLVED WITH THE EPIA!!

IT'S EASIER FOR THEM TO WORK WHILE HIDING THE FACT THEY HAVE POWERS, HE SAID.

SO THERE'S NO NEED TO GET THEM INVOLVED WITH THE EPIA.

...WHAT?

BECAUSE REN'S PARENTS HAVE NORMAL-LOOKING JOBS!!

THERE'S NO NEED FOR THEM TO WORK AT THE EPIA, IS THERE?!

Energique

...!

SO YOU SAY MIKURO SAID ALL THIS?

IF YOU MAKE A FUSS OUT OF IT, IT'LL CAUSE TROUBLE FOR REN!

THAT'S WHAT MIKURO-SAN SAID!!

MIKURO IS SURROUNDED BY THE STUFF TREASURES ARE MADE OF!

WHAT'S WITH THAT?

KEEPING IT A MYSTERY HAS WORKED AGAINST YOU, MIKURO!

YOU'RE PERSISTENT, AREN'T YOU, MIKURO.

I DEFINITELY DON'T WANT TO CAUSE ANY TROUBLE FOR REN!!

Hehehehehee

I'll have some good results for Ray. I'm sure he'll be interested

I'LL DO SOME PSYCHOMETRY ON THAT DAD BEFORE I GO HOME.

AFTER ALL, I GOT QUITE THE VISION FROM HIS SON.

SO MINE, ACT LIKE YOU DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING!!

GOT IT?!

AH...

...I SEE.

EIY

IT'S JUST... WELL,

EIY

THIS IS WHAT YOUR SON TOLD ME.

BUT IT SEEMS HE'S FAINTED BEFORE...

AH... YES, NOT LONG AGO...

HMM. IN THAT CASE...

THEN IT MIGHT BE PRUDENT TO CONSIDER A PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTOR.

THERE ARE NO EXTERNAL INJURIES EITHER.

IT'LL BE A FEW DAYS BEFORE WE GET THE RESULTS OF THE BLOOD TEST.

BUT OTHERWISE, I DON'T SEE ANY ABNORMALITIES AT THIS TIME.

HE'S OKAY, SIR.

ACTUALLY, HE JUST WOKE UP.

I DID A BRIEF MEDICAL EXAMINATION, THOUGH.

AH, EXCUSE ME, MY NAME'S MASUDA.

IT MIGHT BE SOME KIND OF HYSTERIA...

WE GENERALLY CALL IT A DISSOCIATIVE DISORDER NOWADAYS.

I WOULD RECOMMEND TAKING HIM TO SEE A PSYCHIATRIST SPECIALIZING IN PSYCHOSOMATIC MEDICINE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

YES.

DISSOCIATIVE... DISORDER.. YOU SAID...?

IT MIGHT BE A SORT OF AMNESTIC DISORDER WHERE HE SUDDENLY LOSES HIS MEMORIES,

OR IT MAY BE SOME OTHER KIND OF CONFUSION DISORDER IN RESPONSE TO STRESSFUL SITUATIONS.

OR A FUGUE STATE, WHICH MIGHT BE HIS WAY OF ESCAPING SITUATIONS HE CAN'T ADJUST TO,

ALSO...

IF HE SEEMS TO SAY THINGS THAT DON'T SOUND LIKE HIMSELF...

A long time ago, if I had gone to a psychiatrist,

they would have stuck the dissociative disorder label on me, too.

The surrounding hospitals would have arbitrarily decided that,

and agreed on it and they would have been happy.

Sigh

IT COULD BE A POSSESSION DISORDER,

LIKE WITH GODS OR ANGELS OR SOMETHING.

MULTIPLE PERSONALITY DISORDERS CAN BE THE SAME WAY.

HAS THERE BEEN ANYTHING RECENTLY TO SUGGEST THAT..

HE MIGHT BE UNDER A LOT OF STRESS?

Ren as well,

just might—

However,

my case was different.

WHAT?

GOT SOME BUSINESS WITH ME?

UH OH, HE MIGHT HAVE..

caught ...me—?

YEAH, HE'S A GOOD GUY

AH!!

OCCHAN, THAT'S HIM!

THE GUY WHO PAID FOR US AT TOKYO TOWER!

HE REALLY HELPED US OUT A LOT.

...AH!

IS THAT SO? I HADN'T REALIZED IT...

PLEASE EXCUSE ME, I WAS JUST GLARING AT YOU AND ALL~~~

HA HAH.

WHAT, ON VACATION...?

HE AND LALE ARE FROM THE EPIA. THEY'RE ON VACATION.

IT SEEMS YOU'VE TAKEN VERY GOOD CARE OF THE KIDS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Squeeze

I HAVE TO TAKE THE KIDS HOME NOW.

PLEASE ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR VACATION!

AH... NO...

YOU ALSO SEEM TO HAVE TAKEN SPECIAL CARE OF MY SON.

HOW CAN I EVER REPAY YOU...

BUT PLEASE DO ACCEPT THIS AS A SIGN OF MY THANKS!

IT'S JUST A TRIFLE,

HUH? BUT I WANT TO GO SEE REN!

STAYING TOO LONG WOULD INCONVEN-IENCE THEM.

WE BETTER GO, HUH ...?

ERM... WELL, LALE,

THANK YOU...

WELL... THEN,

YOU'RE RIGHT.

YEAH.

YEAH!

GIVE REN MY BEST REGARDS!!

BYE, LALE!!

NEXT TIME HANG OUT A LITTLE LONGER!!

IT WAS GREAT SEEING YOU!

Pacific Ocean

Energique

FL

OVER HERE, SIR.

OH?

I WONDER WHY HE WOULDN'T STAY AWAKE...

UM ...

IS REN OKAY?

DIDN'T THEY SAY HE HAD NO PROBLEMS...?

NOTHING

SEEMS HE FELL BACK ASLEEP.

HE HAD BEEN AWAKE JUST NOW, THOUGH.

AH!

IT'S CHIBI-IKEMEN!!

I...

WENT TO TOKYO TOWER...!!

THAT'S WHY I'M HERE TO SEE YOU.

SO CAN YOU TELL ME?!

UM, AND ...

I DON'T REALLY REMEMBER ANYTHING, BUT I WENT... SEE?

Where is this?

YEAH. 'COURSE HE'S FINE.

DON'T WORRY, HE'LL BE ABLE TO RETURN WITH YOU.

FLY OMIE STLO

Phew

FLY OMIE STLO

WHAT KIND OF PROMISE DID YOU MAKE WITH DAD...?

I'LL REPLACE DAD.

I'LL DO ANYTHING FOR YOU!!

I'LL FULFILL THE PROMISE IN HIS PLACE.

PLEASE?!

SO TELL ME!!

I WANTED TO SEE YOU, CHIBI-IKEMEN!

I WANTED TO SEE YOU SO MUCH!

I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY!

NO, NOT LIKE THAT.

IN DAD'S PLACE, NOT CHIBI-IKEMEN'S PLACE.

IT'S FOR CHIBI-IKEMEN.

...SO. YOU SURE ARE STUPID.

I'M SUPER HAPPY.

YEAH!

THEN IN MY PLACE.

...IN KOBAYA-SHI RIN'S PLACE?

THERE'S NO REASON HE'D EVER THINK OF USING YOU, IS THERE?

WHETHER HE'S LITTLE SHION OR BIG SHION,

NOTHIN
NOTH

SUBMERGED DEEP IN H'S HEART, PUT A LID ON IT AND SEALED...

NONE OTHER THAN—

IN ORDER TO BECOME A BORING ADULT... AND ONLY FOR THAT REASON,

YOUR OLD MAN, KOBAYA-SHI RIN,

NOTHING

ME.

I MADE A PROMISE TO SHION TO END WAR.

YOUR OLD MAN HAS FORGOTTEN AND HAS RUN AWAY FROM ME—

THE REAL KOBAYASHI RIN.

THE TRANSPARENT BOY YOU WANTED TO MEET

AND THE ONE WHO CAUSED THE EXPLOSIONS AT TOKYO TOWER, KOBAYASHI RIN.

WHO... WHO ARE YOU?!

YOU'RE NOT IKEMEN?!

ME?

I'M KOBAYASHI RIN.

I NEED A BODY OF FLESH AND BLOOD.

AT THIS RATE, I'LL REALLY DISAPPEAR.

HUH?!

WHA!

NOW, BECOME ONE WITH ME–

Shwoop

AH...!

AND BECOME THE COOL KOBAYASHI RIN, SHALL WE...?

NOTHI

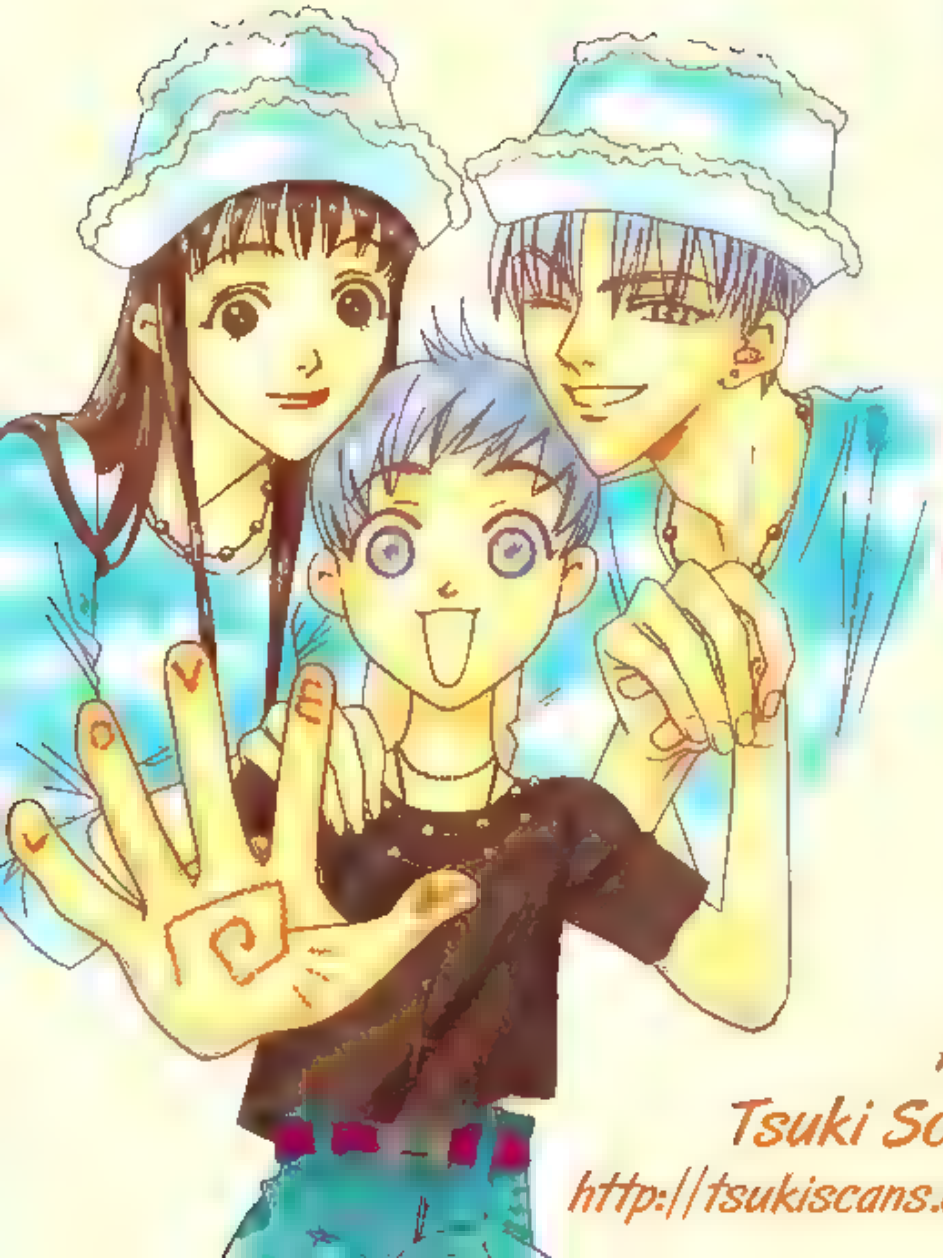
NOTHING

WILL RESPECT SHION'S WISHES?

HEH HEH HEH

WHO BESIDES ME

WHO BESIDES ME WILL PROTECT THE EARTH?



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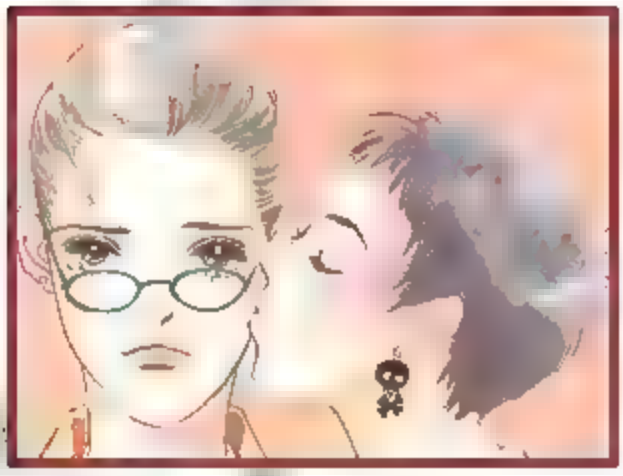

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Who is there besides me

who will protect this Earth—?

Chapter 28

Memories of the Cap #8

*T/N. When this font is used people are speaking in English.

Boston, MA. The EPIA.

HI, MIKURO!*

YOU'RE BACK EARLY. WEREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO SPEND FIVE MORE DAYS OUT THERE?

SOMETHING HAS COME UP IN JAPAN

SO I FINISHED UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THAT'S WHY I THOUGHT I'D COME SEE LALE, BUT I DON'T SEE HIM.

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHERE HE IS?

OH, YOU HAVEN'T HEARD?

DIDN'T HE GO BACK HOME EARLY WITH MINE?

JUST MEETING UP THERE IS FINE.

Hiwatari's Endless Chattering

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In human society, if we want to rent space, we have to pay money We also needed to pay money for my mother's wake and funeral, but everyone we paid was human We didn't pay anything to the earth, who we really were renting space from It didn't even send an invoice! It was Free One person and one cat were able to live and eat and enjoy themselves by borrowing the bodies they needed from the earth We complain about it sometimes, but still use those bodies until they're completely spent and then they return to the earth. It's all free of charge Moreover, we don't even talk about this We get so wrapped up in thinking human society is the entire world that we simply forget the basics However, I know why we're prone to forget this. It's because it's obvious-it's far too obvious And everyone thinks it's fine to pay nothing back to the earth for the lives, bodies, and food it provides us The same might go for sunshine.

That's why I feel so strongly about this "shouldn't we at least be grateful?"

WHY NOT? ISN'T JAPAN HOME TO THE BOTH OF YOU?
See you later! ♡
...HuH?
WHY M NE?
OH, THAT IS YOU, MIKURO!
THAT'S TRUE, BUT...
DID YOU COME TO SEE LALE?
WHAT A COINCIDENCE, I CAME TO SEE HIM, TOO.
I HEARD HE WAS GOING BACK TO JAPAN WITH MINE. I HAD SOMETHING I WANTED HIM TO TAKE FOR ME.
AH... AH.
IT'S YOU...

...I HADN'T HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THIS.

WHY MINE? IT'S NOT AS IF I WAS OPPOSED OR ANYTHING, BUT...

ER, WELL... IT SEEMS THEY ALREADY LEFT.

WHAT? REALLY?!

HEY, MIKURO, IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE LIKE THAT

THAT YOU KEEP KACHIKO BOUND HAND AND FOOT TO YOUR OWN RULES, ISN'T IT?

...LALE'S FREE TO CHOOSE WHO HE GOES BACK TO JAPAN WITH.

HE MEANS TO USE LALE AS A MEDIUM TO GET MINE CLOSER TO KACHIKO.

RAY MUST HAVE PAID HIM OFF TO DO IT!

YOU'RE TOO EASY-GOING.

YOU KNOW THAT RAY IS GETTING MORE INTERESTED IN HER, RIGHT?

THAT'S WHY I HAVE A GOOD REASON TO BE MAD, TOO.

—AFTER ALL, I'M KACHIKO'S MOTHER!

YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.

AND YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TWISTED MY ARM INTO AGREEING TO LET YOU TAKE KACHIKO AWAY WITH YOU TO JAPAN WHEN I WAS THE ONE WHO WAS HESITANT.

YOU SURE DON'T CHANGE.

HEY, BY THE WAY, WHY WERE YOU SO NERVOUS WHEN YOU INTRODUCED LALE TO ME?

...PU-AHAHAHA. THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO FALL SILENT.

ISN'T IT WEIRD FOR YOU TO BE GRINDING YOUR TEETH, AND GETTING ALL FLUSTERED AND SPUTTERING?

SEEMS LALE WAS PRETTY SHOCKED, TOO.

THE ONE WHO WAS SCOLDED BY SOL (HER HUSBAND) ABOUT HER NOT BEING SATISFIED WITH THE AGREEMENT.

.....

...HE RECOILED BECAUSE YOU WERE SPEAKING IN SUCH WEIRD JAPANESE TO HIM.

I MEANT TO ENTRUST THIS TO LALE, BUT HE'S NOT HERE,

SO WHEN YOU GO HOME NEXT TIME, CAN I HAVE YOU DELIVER THIS?

REALLY? WELL, WHATEVER.

HEY, SORRY, BUT...

TO KACHIKO.

IT'S TURQUOISE. IT'S KIND OF CHEAP, BUT IT'S SOMETHING I LIKE.

IT'S OKAY TO GIVE HER SOMETHING, RIGHT? NOW THAT SOL'S SQUEALED ON ME AND ALL.

GIVING SOMEONE A PRESENT FROM THEIR MOTHER IS SOMETHING I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO.

...IF YOU WERE EVER TO FORMALLY BREAK UP WITH SOL,

THE THREE OF US, YOU AND ME AND KACHIKO... COULD LIVE... TOGETHER

IT'S LIKE THE BEST DREAM COME TRUE TO GIVE THIS TO MY DAUGHTER!

AHAHAHA! NO WAY! ARE YOU SERIOUS?

WE DON'T SUIT EACH OTHER ENOUGH EITHER, AFTER ALL!

That's funny!

Kya

Kya

YEAH, THAT GUY IS TOO MUCH INTO HIS FREE-LOVE, AND MIKURO'S TOO MUCH INTO CONFINING HIS LOVE! PUT THEM TOGETHER AND THEN SPLIT THEM UP, AHAHAHA!!

If I say what really want to say I'll get hurt for sure

Kyahahaha

MOVED TO TEARS

...IN JAPAN.

...HAVE YOU SEEN SOL?

NO, I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM IN ABOUT TWO MONTHS, BUT HE'S PROBABLY DOING WELL.

WELL, HIS TWO-TIMING HABIT WON'T CHANGE UNTIL HE DIES, I GUESS YOU COULD SAY!

...YOU TWO ARE REALLY A STRANGE COUPLE. IT'S HARD TO UNDERSTAND YOU.

AMERICA IS MY HOME.

THAT'S WHAT MAKES US INCOMPATIBLE IN THE FIRST PLACE, ISN'T IT?

...YOU KNOW THAT TALKING ABOUT TAKING ME OUT OF AMERICA IS USELESS.

COUGH

COUGH

Choke

COUGH

Get a grip on yourself

I HEARD THAT KACHIKO CHOSE TO STAY IN JAPAN, AT YOUR SIDE.

SO DOESN'T THAT SATISFY YOU?

OF COURSE I'M GOING TO RESPECT HER WISHES.

AFTER ALL, I'M HER MOM.

OHO, I SEE...

... HEEH.

Cell phones sure are handy

IT'S 16 YEARS LATER...

IS IT? HEH.

NOTHING NOTHIN

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THANK YOU,

NO, NOTHING HERE... CAPUT-SUN.

HUH? WHAT ABOUT 16 YEARS?

...PAMELA.

Poke

REN!

OCCHAN SAID WE'RE GOING HOME IN A TAXI.

THE METER'S RUNNING, SO LET'S HURRY AND GET HOME.

ALL RIGHT, EVERY-ONE—

WHAT'S UP WITH YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN?

YOU... ARE MIKURO'S DAUGHTER, KACHIKO...

...YES. ...I SEE.

Stare

REN?

AFTER THAT WE'LL GO HOME.

AFTER THAT... WE'LL GOT TO ISSEI AND SAKURA'S HOUSE, WHERE YOUR MOM IS WAITING.

FLY

SORRY ABOUT THIS, OJ SAN. YOU MUST BE MAD.

CAPUTSUN, YOUR STOP IS F RST.

THAT'S NOT IT.

NO!

...WHAT'S WRONG?

DO YOU NOT FEEL WELL?

IT'S JUST, ABOUT THE PLAN...

NOTH NOTH

VENTURE GAIN

I'M FINE.

I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE A BOTHER AND GO HOME.

WEREN'T WE SUPPOSED TO HAVE DINNER AT ISSEI-SAN AND SAKURA-SAN'S PLACE TODAY?

AFTER ALL, I'M HUNGRY, AND I WANT TO SEE EVERYONE.

NOT TODAY.

I THINK I CAN JUST STAY AT CAPUTSUN'S PLACE!!

...THEN, HOW ABOUT EATING SOMETHING HERE?

Growl

YOUR MOM IS REALLY WOR-R.ED. HOW ABOUT WE JUST PICK UP SOMETHING ON THE WAY HOME?

KACHIKO'S STARVING TOO, YOU KNOW.

PISSED OFF

REN.

Err no, thank you for always taking care of my son

I'm sorry, Kobayashi-san

Thank you for taking him home

—AH!

I SENT A MES-SAGE TO MY MOM.

SEE YA, CAPUT-SUN.
SEE YOU AT SCHOOL TOMOR-ROW.
NOT AT ALL. SORRY, CA-PUTSUN, FOR MAK'NG YOU WORRY.
I'M ALREADY FINE.

ARE'NT YOU STILL ACTING A LITTLE WE'RD?
I'M GOING HOME NOW,
BUT ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT?

GOOD NIGHT!

REN-KUN...
FAINTS THAT FREQUENTLY?

...YEAH...
LET'S GO INSIDE, TSUBASA.

SPEAKING OF... IT MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH HER BEING THE PILLAR OF THE FAMILY...

HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

Whisper Whisper Whisper

BUT IT FEELS LIKE A-CHAN IS THE ONE WHO IS REALLY WIPED OUT.

...I'M WORRIED ABOUT REN, AS WELL.

I HEARD IT'S NOT SO BAD THIS TIME...

h

UNEM-PLOYED? WHAAAAT?!

RIN-KUN ISN'T WORKING NOW?

NO, MORE LIKE HE'S TAKING A BREAK.

ARE YOU OKAY, ALICE?

YES...

SORRY, SAKURA-CHAN. I MEANT TO BE THE ONE TO WORK HARD TODAY...

REN...!

AH, SEE, THEY'RE HERE!!

Ding dong

!!!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT...

THEY SHOULD BE HERE SOON.

REN!!!

FWAH!!

Open

...M... MOM...

ER, NO.

NOTHIN NOTH

UH... UH... MA...

AL...

A—

YOU DON'T... NEED TO CRY SO MUCH...

ER... MOM.

...ALI...

AH...

...OH...! YOU HAD ME SO WOR-RIED...!

CROWD

HOW ARE YOU FEE-LING?

STAND-ING UP ISN'T TOO HARD?

CROWD

Oh boy...

I'M CRYING ANY-WAAAAAAY ~~~!

WELL, ISN'T THAT NICE... HE SEEMS JUST FINE NOW.

Sob

GEEZ... THIS KID...

I'M FINE! THAT'S WHY... I CAME.

I'M HUN-GRY. IS THERE ...

ANYTH NG TO EAT?

WELL, ANYWAY, LET'S GO INSIDE.

AND REN, AND ALICE!

YOU TOO, KACHIKO AND RIN!

THE GUARDIAN ANGELS, RIGHT?!

IT'S BECAUSE OF THEM, ISN'T IT?

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THAT REN IS ALL RIGHT.

IT'LL BE OKAY~~ IT WAS NO BIG DEAL.

Clink

CHEERS!!

WELL, LET'S PULL OURSELVES TOGETHER.

.. NOT FEELING WELL? AL... MOM?

NO... BUT REALLY, ARE YOU OKAY? LOOKS LIKE YOU WEREN'T FEELING WELL...

RIN-KUN... THANK YOU.

IT MUST BE THAT WORRYING ABOUT REN-KUN SO MUCH MADE A-CHAN FEEL SICK.

NOTHING NOTHI

BUT IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S GONE BACK.

SHE HAD HER KICHE UNTIL JUST NOW, TOO...

WITH YOU AROUND, SAKAGUCHI-SAN IS ALWAYS GOING TO HAVE TO BE THE PILLAR OF THE HOUSE.

RIN.

YOU'RE STILL TAKING A BREAK FROM WORKING, AREN'T YOU?

BUT I HAPPENED TO HEAR SOMETHING ELSE, TOO.

...SURE,

..

GLANCE

JINPACHI-KUN, RESTRAIN YOURSELF IN FRONT OF THE CHILDREN.

JINPACHI. .!

YOU'RE AN ADULT, HOW DOES THAT SOUND?

IF YOU WANT TO PLAY, THEN PLAY WHILE YOU WORK.

SO OF COURSE SHE'S WIPED OUT!

N-

NO!!

RIN-KUN JUST PROMISED A FEW DAYS AGO THAT HE WOULD WORK.

EVEN TODAY HE HAD BEEN WORKING,

BUT HAD TO GO TO REN WHEN HE FAINTED...

Ren really is acting strange...

RIGHT, RIN-KUN?

Normally, on this kind of topic,

IT'S JUST THAT

I WASN'T FEELING WELL...

YOU ALL DON'T HAVE TO BE SO WORRIED...

Ren would have yelled something at Jinpachi-occhan by now.

REALLY, I'M SORRY... FOR WORRYING EV-ERYONE.

Being silent really means there's something weird about him.

NO! DAD REALLY...

MUKYAA!

HMPH

THAT'S SAKAGUCHI-SAN AND RIN'S BAD PATTERN AS USUAL.

I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TIMES YOU'VE HAD TO ASK HIM TO WORK.

RIN ALWAYS DOES AS HE PLEASES,

AND SAKAGUCHI-SAN GETS TIRED OUT AND HURT.

NO MATTER HOW MUCH THOSE AROUND YOU MIGHT CRITICIZE YOU FOR IT...

JIN...!

YOU MIGHT AS WELL BOW DOWN IN FRONT OF THE KIDS AND PLEDGE TO WORK!!

THE TIRED AND HURT SAKAGUCHI-SAN WILL COVER FOR YOU 100%!!

?

?!

?

FLY
OMIE!
TLO

...ARE YOU DONE TALK-ING NOW?

WHA, HUH?

JUST NOW... WAS THERE SOME KIND OF WEIRD HARMONY?

IT WAS REN.

HUH?!

REN SAID THE SAME THING AS RIN-OCCHAN AT THE SAME TIME...!

HUH?

...REN...?

Grin

I TRIED SAYING WHAT I THOUGHT I WOULD SAY IF IT WERE ME.

I'M DISAP-POINTED,

EVEN THOUGH I HIT THE JACKPOT.

SIGH

...I THOUGHT IT WAS ABOUT TIME FOR A COMEBACK...

DID SHUU HAVE TO SHOOT YOU WITH TRAN-QUILIZING DARTS?

HOW MANY TIMES

SHUSURAN.

...HUH...?

ENJU, YOUR FAVORITE EARTH-FOOD WAS FRIED ASPARAGUS AND GRATED HORSE RADISH.

YOUR GOODIES TODAY WERE TASTY, TOO.

GYOKU-RAN,

DIDN'T YOU CRY WHEN YOU HAD YOUR EARS PIERCED?

HIIRAGI HAD SIX BALD SPOTS ON THE BACK OF HIS HEAD.

SHUU-KAIDOU,

YOU MADE ONLY ENOUGH VACCINE FOR ONE PERSON AND GAVE IT TO SHION.

TO BE HONEST, I STILL HAVEN'T FORGIVEN YOU FOR THAT.

?

WHAT'S THE MATTER?!

...REN...?!

Scoot

Eeeeeeeeek!!

FINE

...MO-KUREN.

...YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SAID YOU WANTED TO BE THE ATMO-SPHERE,

OH,

...ALICE.

ALICE, I LOVE YOU.

FLY
OMIE

I LOVE YOU.

...URG... STOP IT...

FLY

Stop !!!!

Kachiko-chan, how do you know that?!

...HUH ...?!

IN THE SAME WAY, ISN'T REN GETTING OCCHAN'S MEMORIES?

A LONG TIME AGO, RIN-OCCHAN GOT IKEMEN'S MEMORIES, RIGHT?

WITHOUT REALIZING IT, THEY'RE LISTENING...

WELL THEN.

I CAN'T HELP BUT SAY THIS.

ISN'T THIS SAD? SEEING YOU ALL 16 YEARS LATER,

FLINCH

WHERE HAS YOUR SENSE OF JUSTICE GONE?

I'M DISAP-POINTED.

WHO COULD HAVE IMAGINED THAT YOU'D BE SO IMMERSED

IN THIS LUKEWARM WAY OF LIFE?

TO THAT EXTENT, YOU, WHO ALL SOUNDED THE ALARM

AND OB-JECTED TO THE FALL OF THE EARTH,

EVEN NOW, YOU'RE ALL COM-FORTABLY CHEWING ON THE BLESSINGS OF THE EARTH,

AND WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT, ARE LIVING PEACE-FULLY.

It's Daddy...!!

Wrrrrrr!

!!

Wrrrrrr!

AHH, KACHIKO?

ARE YOU SURPRISED? I HAVE A PRESENT FOR YOU THIS TIME.

I'M HEADING OVER THERE RIGHT NOW.

I JUST REACHED THE STATION.

ABN • ABN

Change the meeting place, Daddy!!

HUH?

Whispering

Click

..What the hell. NO helpin' it.

I'm countin' on you..!!

Anyways, hurry up and get over here...!!

Not at the Kobayashi's, but at the Issei and Sakura couple's place!

There's some bad stuff goin' on over here...!!

YOU WERE HELPING THE FUTURE OF THE EARTH.

AND TAUGHT ME PSALMS. YOU TAUGHT ME THE KIS-ANADO.

FOR SOME REASON, YOU PASSED ON YOUR KICHE TO ME

AAH, ALICE, BUT NOT YOU.

I SHOULD BE DISAPPOINTED WITH HOW WEAK AND COLD YOU'VE BECOME.

IS THAT GUY.

IN COMPARISON, THE WORST WHO NONE CAN SUR-PASS

AT LEAST I DEFINITELY WON'T BE LIKE THAT.

THAT IS NOT-

EVEN AS A LITTLE 8-YEAR-OLD HE BECAME AN ADULT.

BUT NOW, HAVING GROWN UP, HE'S RUNNING AWAY.

St and

FLINCH

KOBAYASHI RIN.

...YOU'VE SAID ENOUGH.

UH... UH... RIN-KU...

YOU'VE GOT YOURSELF A FIGHT NOW, BRAT!

I WON'T GO EASY ON YOU JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE A KID.

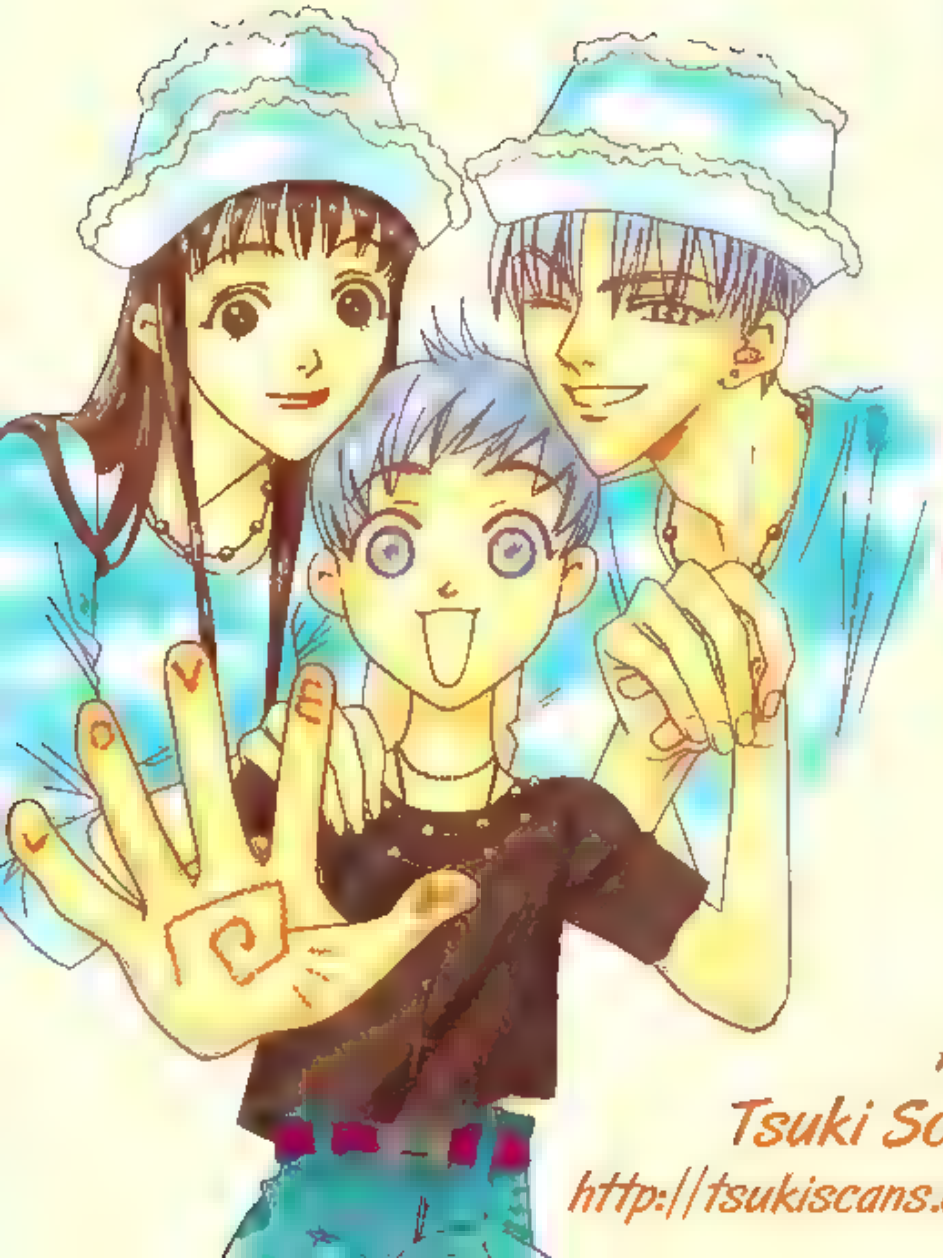
YOU DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?

Daddy, hurry up.

HEH.

BOY.

COME AT ME,



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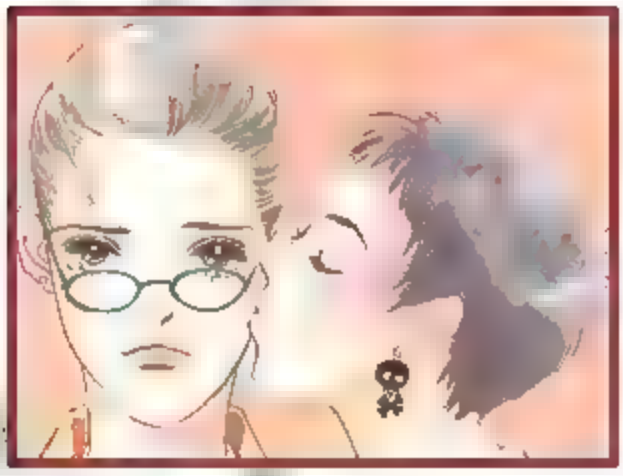

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Paaoo

NOTHING
NOTHING

NO WAY...

RE...!

!

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When my mother's Funeral ended, I went to the government office (the window of human society) to give notice of her death But as much as I wanted to find it, I couldn't find a window to the earth. I wanted to thank it or something But how could I do that ? Ah Ah!! Perhaps. ? Perhaps I can!!

.So that's why, without regard for the time I was supposed to take off to mourn, I went to a shrine to give thanks I gave thanks for one person and one cat, and I gave thanks that I was alive, too Thank you I Felt like I was finally able to deliver that message

However, it seems you're not supposed to visit a Shinto shrine in those 49 days of mourning, which I didn't know It seems I made the gods angry, because a thunderstorm immediately broke out and ran started pouring* (Laughs)

The reason I'm going green is because I'm grateful to the earth I Feel guilty, too, so I feel like I must go green

.. WILL THIS SATISFY YOU ABOUT ME BEING KOBAYASHI RIN?
IF I WERE TO LET THIS ENERGY BALL FLY AWAY, IT WOULD MAKE QUITE THE WEAPON.
FLY HOMIE STLO
I'VE GOT MYSELF A FIGHT, DON'T I?
IT'S FINE FOR YOU TO USE THIS LITTLE TRICK TOO, ISN'T IT?
It isn't Ikemen doing this?
This time it's...
Ren's real power...?!
OR DO YOU INTEND TO TAKE THIS ON BY YOURSELF LIKE THAT?
...This...?!

*T/N. The 49 days of mourning are an East Asian custom marking the first seven weeks after someone dies, according to the Six Realms of Samsara in Buddhism. Not surprisingly it has an influence on Shintoism too. Shintoism is especially finicky about death and other impurities that should be kept out of shrines.

...HEH...

COMMON KNOWL-EDGE SURE IS NICE.

HEEHEE HEE...

YOU CAN USE IT ANYTIME,

AND IT'S BECOME QUITE HELPFUL TO ME, TOO.

WHEN IT COMES TO THEIR OWN CHILDREN.

FATHERS SURE ARE KIND.

EVEN SO, ADULTS REALLY DO HESITATE

.. SO THIS WILL BE AN EASY VICTORY FOR ME.

FWUUSH

HYO!!

Catch!

Pam—

Passh

STLO

101

Bang

...AND?

Pat—pat

...ARGH...

Fwoom

Fwoom

Fwoom

Bang

Bang

Bang

Fwoom

SMACK

Pant

Pant

Pant

GRR!

Huh? Is he talking to us..?

JUST IMAGINE IT!!

WHAT IT'S LIKE FOR ME!!

I—

JUST TRY THINKING ABOUT IT!!

WHEN SUDDENLY—

I WAS RUNNING AROUND AND DOING MY ERRANDS!!

JUST THE OTHER DAY,

16 YEARS INTO THE FUTURE!!

I WENT THROUGH A TIME WARP TO THE FUTURE!

IT MAKES ME SO DISAP-POINTED THAT I FEEL SICK!!!

AND THEN THERE WAS MY 16-YEARS-LATER SELF!!

IN A FORM I WOULD NEVER HAVE PLANNED ON!!

FLY HOMIE STLO

CAN YOU UNDERSTAND HOW I'M FEELING?

...SNICKER...

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

FLY HOMIE

STOP...

JUST STOP...

STOP IT...!

REN, PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!

REN!

WHY DO YOU HAVE TO BRING THIS ALL UP AGAIN...?!

REN IS REN!!

AND DAD IS DAD!!

REN!! REN IS REN,

YOU'RE REN!!

AREN'T YOU MINE AND RIN-KUN'S CHILD?!!

REN IS JUST REN, ISN'T HE?!

STOP IT ALREADY,

ALL THIS CRAZY TALK!

I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT THIS ANYMORE...!!

...HUH? MIKURO-SAN...?

DADDY CAME!!

IT'S DADDY!!

Ding dong

AH!

REN...?

THAT'S RIGHT... MIKURO!

WHAT .? MIKURO...?

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THIS WILL BE FUN!

WE STILL HAVEN'T SETTLED OUR SCORE!!

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Buahahahahahaha

Dash!

SLIPPER

Tink

はぁたし。

collapse

OOPS.

JUST WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING TO SOMEONE ELSE'S SON!?

REN!

FLY HOMIE!

...HE'S JUST A KID, AFTER ALL.

BESIDES, REN WAS THE ONE WHO WAS ALREADY EXHAUSTED!

IT WAS JUST THE PUSH HE NEEDED.

I DIDN'T THROW IT VERY HARD AND IT DIDN'T EVEN MAKE A LOUD SOUND.

YOU SAW, DIDN'T YOU?

...WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

...PARDON THE INTRUSION.

Oh. looks like they're all busy

AH! NO~~~~ IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE.

THAT ASIDE, ISSEI-SAN, SAKURA-SAN, CONGRATULATIONS.

I HAD NO IDEA, SO I'VE SHOWN UP EMPTY-HANDED...

BESIDES, NOW'S NOT REALLY THE TIME FOR THAT...

...IS IT ...

DADDY.

HEY,

FROM KACHIKO'S MESSAGE AND WHAT YOU ALL HAVE SAID,

I THINK I HAVE SOME UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION.

...NO WONDER...

WHAT HAPPENED TO REN?

DID HE BECOME OCCHAN'S YOUNGER SELF FOR REAL?

I'LL JUST SAY THIS TO EVERY-ONE, THOUGH.

NO, THAT'S NOT IT.

WHEN DOING PSY-CHOMETRY ON OBJECTS,

IT SOMETIMES APPEARS THAT SOMEONE WILL BE POSSESSED BY THE CONSCIOUSNESS LEFT OVER FROM THE OWNER, DOESN'T IT?

BUT IT'S CERTAINLY NOT THE CASE

THAT THEY BECOME ANOTHER PERSON FOR REAL.

OF COURSE, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO BECOME POSSESSED BY SPIRITS, FOR SURE.

THERE ARE ALSO PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE ABILITY TO BE A MEDIUM THROUGH WHOM OBJECTS OF WORSHIP MAY SPEAK.

BUT IN MOST CASES, WHEN THEY ARE NOT MEDIUMS,

IT'S JUST FRAMEWORK.

IN OTHER WORDS, IN REN'S CASE,

HE'S A "FAKE KOBAYASHI RIN".

PHEW

I WAS REALLY WORRIED!

OH, IS THAT HOW IT WAS!!

IT'S NOT INCORRECT TO SAY THAT IN HIS OWN WAY,

REN-KUN TOOK THE INFORMATION FROM THE CAP AND,

IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND IT, TRIED HIS BEST TO CONSTRUCT AN APPEARANCE OF KOBAYASHI RIN, ISN'T IT?

...AH, BUT DADDY,

HE SAID HE ALSO MET CHIBI-IKEMEN IN A DREAM.

IT SEEMS LIKE HE SAID

HE HAD A GRUDGE AGAINST OCCHAN OR SOMETHIN'.

IT HAD RIN-KUN'S FEELINGS FROM A LONG TIME AGO,

HE HAD TAKEN FROM THE CAP.

IN THE END, ALL OF THAT WAS ONLY INFORMATION

AS WELL AS HIS SYMPATHY FOR CHIBI-IKEMEN.

IT WAS HIS FEELINGS OF NOT BEING GOOD ENOUGH FOR SHION, AND HIS THOUGHTS OF REGRET AND SELF-CONDEMNATION,

AND SO IT WASN'T VERY DIRECT.

REN-KUN IDOLIZED RIN-KUN AND WANTED TO BECOME HIM.

THEREFORE, JUST BECAUSE OF THAT,

THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT BEHIND THE VERY SKILLFULLY CRAFTED "FAKE KOBAYASHI RIN" PERSONA,

THERE WAS SOMETHING DRAWN OUT INTO REN-KUN'S OWN CONSCIOUSNESS.

THIS INCIDENT SHOWS HOW THERE IS A VERY SERIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROGRESSING INSIDE OF REN-KUN.

FOR THAT MATTER,

SINCE EVERYONE RASHLY TREATED THIS AS THE REAL THING,

EVEN IF HIS TRUE CHARACTER RETURNS, THERE IS THE CONCERN THAT THIS KIND OF SITUATION MIGHT HAPPEN AGAIN.

AT ANY RATE, SEEING HOW HE COULD BEWILDER THE ADULTS THIS MUCH,

IT'S POSSIBLE THAT REN-KUN HIMSELF MIGHT HAVE CONSIDERABLY ENJOYED IT.

NO... THAT PART ISN'T A MYSTERY AT ALL.

HE'S RIN-KUN'S AND ALICE-SAN'S CHILD, ISN'T HE?

WAS THAT SHION LENDING A HAND?

BUT THEN HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THE POWERS?

IF IT'S REAL...

...BUT...

IT'S VERY LIKELY THAT HE INHERITED THOSE POWERS,

LIKE WITH ME AND KACHIKO.

SEEING HIM LOOK LIKE RIN-KUN FROM THAT TIME ...

.. I WAS ALSO REALLY SHOCKED,

... YEAH ...

HIT A SORE SPOT...

THAT'S RIGHT,

AND FURTHER-MORE, HE...

HIS WANTING AND THINKIN' HE COULD BECOME KOBAYASHI RIN

WAS POSSIBLY THE STIMULUS THAT BROKE THE SHELL OF IT, ISN'T IT?

EVEN JINPACHI THINKS SO...

.. I DID, TOO...

I FELT SOMETHING TUGGING AT MY HEART TOO...

...YEAH... NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, ME TOO...

FLY

BACK THEN, IN THAT PLACE, AS THE MOST RESPONSIBLE PERSON,

I OBSTINATELY REFUSED THAT WE GO DOWN TO EARTH, AND NOW TO BE BORN HERE ON EARTH... THIS KIND OF HAPPINESS IS .

FLY HOMIE STLO

TO BE HONEST...

SOMETIMES I ALSO TEND TO WONDER...

IS LIVING HAPPILY THIS WAY...

REALLY ALL RIGHT ...?

ARE SITUATIONS LIKE GLOBAL WARMING...

BACK THEN, WE HAD SOME DEGREE OF PREDICTION ABOUT IT, BUT WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING...

THE THINGS ...

THAT PAIN ME THE MOST...

BACK THEN, I THOUGHT IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ME.

I'M EVEN WORSE.

AND THEREFORE OUR CONSUMERISM IS MAKING US USE UP THE EARTH'S RESOURCES.

WE'VE TURNED TOWARD CAPITALISM...

AND ALL HOPE WAS LOST...

BUT, WHEN THE VIRUS SPREAD ON THE MOON BASE,

IT WASN'T UNTIL THE ANNIHILATION OF THE HOME WORLD AND THE POSSIBILITY OF GOING DOWN TO EARTH THAT IT BECAME IMPORTANT TO ME.

I...

GYOKURAN HAD THAT FORESIGHT,

AS WELL AS THE INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION FROM THE HOME WORLD...

MY WAY OF THINKING HAS COMPLETELY CHANGED.

I'VE BEEN REBORN ON EARTH, AND NOW I'M EVEN EXPECTING.

BUT HERE I AM, DOING JUST FINE.

IN MY INNERMOST THOUGHTS,

I THOUGHT TO HECK WITH THE EARTH.

FOR THE SAKE OF THIS BABY I'LL GIVE BIRTH TO,

I DO GET REALLY WORRIED ABOUT THE EARTH'S RESOURCES RUNNING OUT... I'M TERRIBLE...

I'VE DONE WHATEVER I'VE WANTED SO MUCH THAT IT'S TERRIBLE,

BUT THE INFLUENCE OF THIS BABY IS INCREDIBLE.

IT LOOKED LIKE SOMETHING I COULD SEE,

BUT IF IT WAS A PARADISE I COULDN'T ATTAIN, THEN I DIDN'T WANT IT.

BEING CRITICIZED BY REN LIKE THAT PUT A PANG IN MY HEART.

THIS BABY IS SO IMPORTANT TO ME... I'M JUST SO OVERWHELMED.

...WE WERE ALL REBORN ON THE EARTH.

WE SPENT EVERY MINUTE OF EVERY DECADE HAPPILY BEING ALIVE...

I'VE BEEN JUST AS COMPLACENT.

MY FEEBLENESS DOESN'T HELP...

NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES RIN-KUN TRIED TO WARN US,

I FELT TOO GUILTY TO LOOK AT THE PAST.

WE'VE ALL BEEN CARRIED AWAY BY OUR YOUTH AND THE PLEASURE WE HAVE NOW,

IT EVEN QUIETED RIN-KUN.

IN THE END, WE...

PUT A SEAL ON RIN-KUN... ON SHION'S WORD... HAVEN'T WE...?

DID YOU ALL...

JUST MIS-UNDERSTAND... ALL THIS?

STOOOOP!

MIKURO JUST SAID SO.

IT WASN'T SHION, EITHER!!

THAT WAS JUST REN TALKING, NOT ME!

JUST NOW,

Who?

HEY, ISSEI, YOU—

JUST NOW YOU SAID "IS LIVING HAPPILY THIS WAY REALLY ALL RIGHT",

DIDN'T YOU?

YOU SHOULD ASK THE OPPOSITE— IS HAPPINESS REALLY SO BAD?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH BEING HAPPY?

WEREN'T WE ALL BORN ON EARTH IN ORDER TO BE HAPPY?

FROM SHION...

SHION... SAID THAT TO YOU...?

YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.

AT THE VERY LEAST, THAT'S WHAT I WAS TOLD BY SHION.

HE SAID HE'S THE BENEFAC-TOR.

I HEARD IT THROUGH REN.

HE USED REN AS A MEDIUM TO TELL ME.

WHA... SHI...

THAT, AND..

ANY-WAY, WELL ...

I DON'T REALLY ..

WE SHOULD SPEND OUR DAYS LAUGHING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE!

AND SHION AS WELL, PROBABLY...

EVERYONE, I'M SOOOORRYYY.

I'M SORRY ALREADY! THAT'S FROM WHEN I WAS A KID!

—SO,

DAMN IT.

I'LL JUST FORMALLY SAY IT NOW,

THERE'S NO REASON ANYMORE NOT TO FORGIVE YOU, IS THERE?

YOU AND SHUU BOTH!!

YEAH.

IF WE THINK WHAT WE DID BEFORE WAS WRONG,

THAT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO, ISN'T IT?

THAN ISN'T IT ENOUGH THAT WE JUST TAKE ON A NEW COURSE NOW?

I REGRET AND WILL REFLECT ON IT.

AND JINPACHI, ABOUT WHAT YOU SAID BEFORE,

WASN'T THE HOME WORLD ANNIHILATED BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T REALIZE SOMETHING SO SIMPLE?

DO YOU ALL GET IT?

WE'RE ALL SUPERIOR BEINGS.

SHALL WE?

MUCH, MUCH HAPPIER. SO LET'S BE HAPPY.

WE CAN ALL BE MUCH,

THIS IS THE EARTH, NOT THE MOON.

What—

What are they talking about...?!

For real...?!

Maybe I—

without realizing it—

Haven't I?!

Daddy...?!!

TELEPATHY

I'll tell you later.

!

stumbled on some super top secret information,

haven't I—?!

DON'T WORRY.

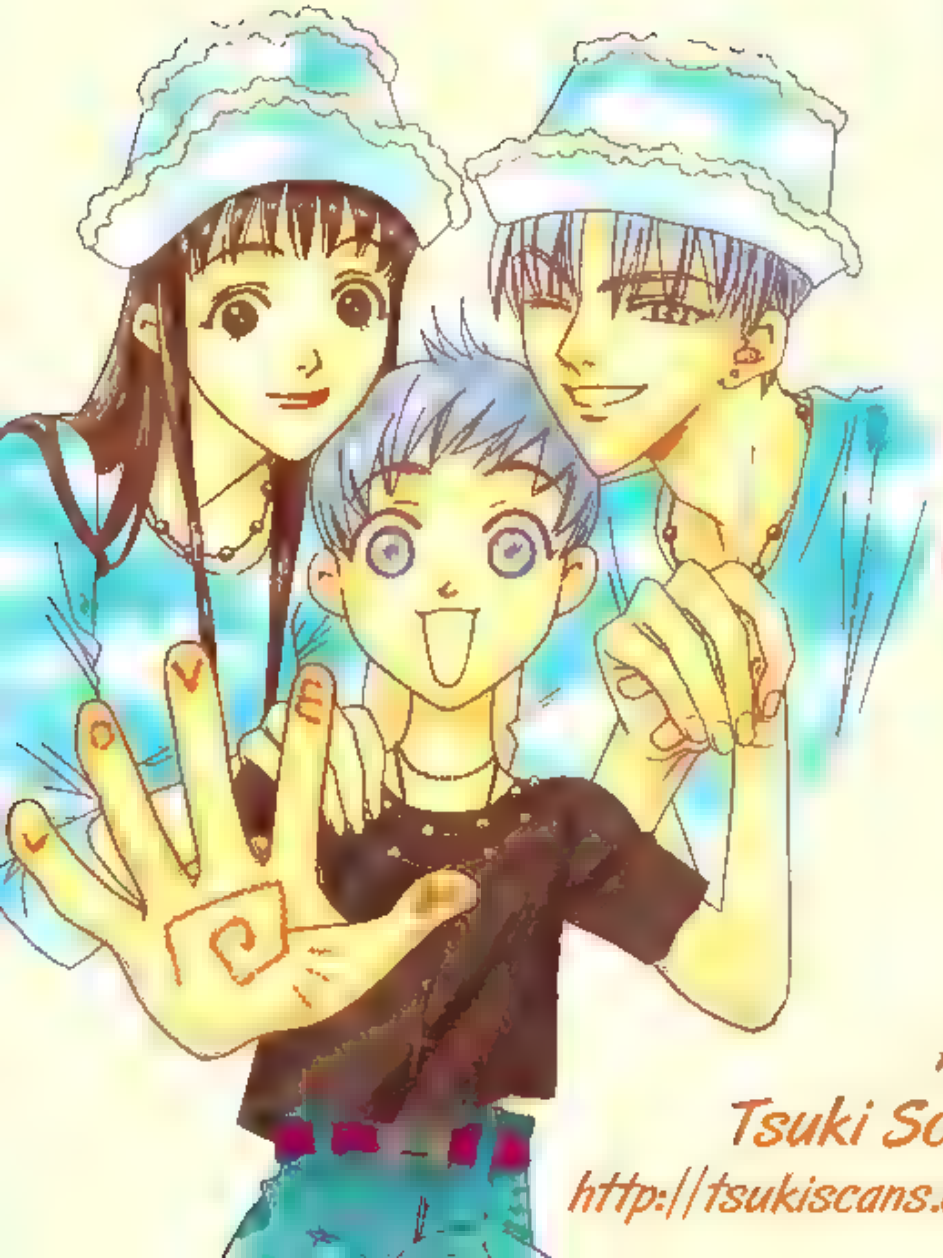
...BUT...

RIN-KUN...

I'LL FIX IT.

...SOMEHOW.

WHAT... ABOUT REN ..?



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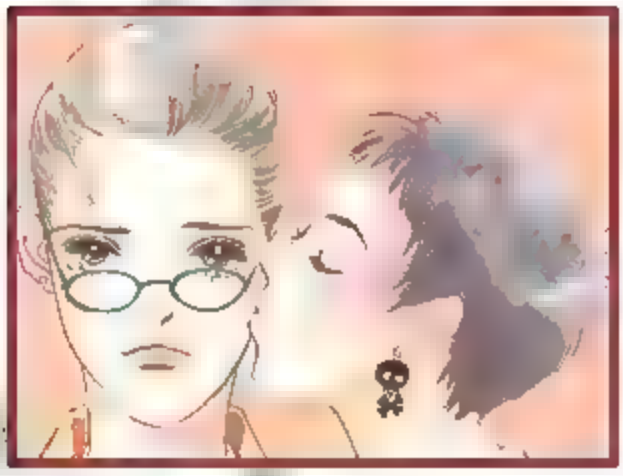

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Chapter 3ϕ

NOTHING
NOTHI
MORE,

Memories of
the Cap #1ϕ

Breathes
Breathes

CREAK

Hiwatari's Endless Chattering

I've been thinking about this a lot, but the things we think about the environment actually aren't obvious at all. For instance, the distance between the sun and the earth, and the balance between the size of our planet and the size of the moon. We've never discovered another planet quite like ours, obviously! It's a miracle, really. That means the fact that my mother and my cat Fuuta lived here, and the fact that you and I are here today is a miracle, isn't it?

And that's the thing we've got to live to the fullest and be grateful for it. I feel that's the very least we can do while using these bodies the earth gave us.

I'm glad that you've allowed me to speak frankly about things I've felt or studied, but it may have made some of you feel uncomfortable, and for that I sincerely apologize. I'm very pleased that you've read this far and that it might, even a little bit, make you think about your own relationship with the earth. I'm sorry, but really, thank you very much.

Hiwatari Saki, 6/11/2008

Ren is Ren,

and Dad is Dad!!

Why do you have to bring this all up again...?!

Aren't you mine and Rin kun's child?!!

SCRATCH SCRATCH

...HEY...

...HM? AAA... NO, I DON'T NEED MADOKA.

AND DAD? ALREADY ASLEEP. ...I SEE. THAT'S EARLY...

AH... MOM?

IT'S ME, RIN... IS NOW A GOOD TIME?

NO. . I JUST THOUGHT I'D FORMALLY TELL YOU THAT I REGRET IT... AND...

PUT YOU THROUGH A LOT AND MADE YOU WORRY... DIDN'T I?

UM.. IN THE PAST I

...I'M SORRY.

...THAT'S WHAT I CALLED YOU THEN, WASN'T IT...

MOM..... NO...

MAMA

...HUH?

GEEZ— GOOD NIGHT!!

WHAT, IS IT SO WEIRD THAT I REFLECTED ON IT MYSELF?!

IT'S THANKS TO... ALICE?

HUH?

ALICE?

NO, SHE'S ASLEEP, SO SHE'S NOT AROUND.

REN ALSO FELL ASLEEP LIKE THAT...

IT SEEMS LIKE OBASAN FELL ASLEEP IN REN'S BED.

Creak

DISAPPOINTED. NOTHING.

Rub Rub

DO YOU NOT KEEP A DIARY OR ANYTHING?

KA-CHI-KO,

Shuffle Shuffle

OF HIS DAUGHTER'S ROOM.

THE FATHER DOING A SEARCH

BEFORE..., YOU TOLD ME YOU'D TELL ME LATER...

BY THE WAY... DADDY.

DIDNT-CHA?

YOU DID SAY THAT, DIDNTCHA?

HIGHLY EXPECTANT

HEY, **DAD.** WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

IT WAS ABOUT THIS.

YEAH, I DID.

WHAT A LAME REACTION.

DON'T YOU LIKE YOUR PRESENT FROM YOUR MOMMY?

...WHAT IS THIS?

...IT SUITS YOU.

YOU LOOK VERY PRETTY.

ALL RIGHT, I'LL PUT IT ON YOU.

I'M TOO HAPPY.

I'M I.

WHY ARE YOU UNFASTENING IT?

HM?

...D... DADDY.

FIDDLE FIDDLE

Bluuuuuush

IT'S SOMETHING THAT MOMMY LIKES.

SO I CAN'T WEAR IT.

IT'S TOO PRECIOUS TO ME,

MOVED TO TEARS.

KACHIKO...

SHE SAID SHE WANTED YOU TO HAVE IT.

IT SEEMS SHE ORIGINALLY MEANT TO HAVE LALE GIVE IT TO YOU, THOUGH.

LET'S SET THAT ASIDE SO I CAN ASK YOU ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE.

WASN'T THERE SOMETHING ELSE YOU WERE GONNA TELL ME?!

ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!

...YOU'RE MY DAUGHTER.

I NEED T' KNOW!!

I'M THE ONE WHO WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH REN IN THE MORNING.

HURRY AND TELL ME BEFORE WE RUN OUTTA TIME!

YOU SURE ARE GOOD AT GETTIN' YOURSELF WRAPPED UP IN STUFF...

WHEN YOU JUMP TO CONCLU-SIONS LIKE THAT.

YOU'RE JUST LIKE YOUR MOMMY

YOU KNOW...

I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU EASY.

WELL, THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY.

...D...

BE SILENT.

CLOSE YOUR EYES.

...WHAT? DA...

Watch carefully.

Don't look away.

Kachiko.

DADDY ...?!

YOU MUST BE

OH, I GET IT.

"M", AREN'T YOU?

!

MR. MAS-OCHIST.

...IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU,

Th—

WELL.

For real,

this is Rin-occhan...?

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN.

This is from a long time ago.

I can't move.

Why?

It's like I'm frozen.

Daddy.

The one who is shaking is my

SO, THERE ARE PSYCHICS ON EARTH, TOO. AND WITH QUITE A BIT OF POWER!

I MUST ADMIT... YOU'VE CERTAINLY EN-RICHED MY DAY.

I'm shaking.

Ah, no.

The one facing Rin-occhan right now is...

Daddy

is frozen solid.

COME ON, BOY.

He can't run away?!

KACHIKO...!!

Gasp

DADDY!! WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT?!

DID YOU WIN?!

.YOU LOST..

Well what's with being frozen

Aw man

A LONG TIME AGO...!!

WHAT RIN-OCCHAN WAS LIKE FOR REAL

I don't regret losing.

WHA...

WHAT I WANTED TO CONVEY WAS

I DIDN'T THINK SO AT ALL!

DID YOU THINK THAT REN-KUN'S "FAKE KOBAYASHI RIN"

...YEAH..

HE WAS SCARY...

WHAT WAS WITH THAT AURA?!

WOULD YOU CALL THAT INTENSE?!

AND COLD...

IT WAS... HEAVY,

AND WAS THAT SOME KIND OF MAGNETIC FIELD?

WAS ANYTHING LIKE HIM?

SUPER SCARY...!!

THE ONE WHO THINKS SO IS KACHIKO.

WE..L, YES... MAYBE.

IT TURNS OUT THAT EVERYONE ELSE JUST DOESN'T KNOW REN-KUN THAT WE..L.

Kachiko-chaaan

YOU SEE HIM AND KNOW HIM BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S ALWAYS BY REN-KUN'S SIDE.

HIS EYES WERE CRAZED.

INSTEAD OF ME, THEY'RE THE ONES WHO SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BEST THAT IT WAS STRANGE, RIGHT?!

WHY DID EVERYONE THINK THAT REN WAS REALLY RIN-OCCHAN FROM A LONG TIME AGO?!

YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW CHIBI-RIN-KUN,

BUT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO KNOWS THE ORIGINAL, REN-KUN,

BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE, RIGHT?

HE WAS BULLIED A LOT BY RIN-KUN, TOO.

HE WAS SCOLDED BY GRANDMA, HUH? POOR GUY.

Oh yeah, he's got four kids now.

AAAH, THAT PERSON, HUH.

AAHH... HE WAS A MAN OF GOOD SENSE. TAMURA-SAN.

...BY THE WAY, WHO WAS THAT FIRST GUY WHO SHOWED UP?

WHAT'S WITH SUDDENLY BEING ALL CHIBI?

IMITATING MY OWN CHIBI-SHION?

. THE REAL ONE?

.. SHION.

Smack

I'LL BE PROTECTING THE EARTH, SO—

DON'T WORRY.

ANNOYED

—WHA—

WHAT ARE YOU DOING...

NOTHIN
NOTH

WH—

WHAT?!

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SAY?!

JUST WHAT ARE YOU CRYING FOR?!

FOR YOU THAT I...

IT WAS ALL

WH—

WHAT THE?!

UWAA!

?!

Grrrrrrrr

!

That's not it.

hyaa.

NOTHING

NOTHI

STURE

GAIN

If it goes on like this, you'll be just like your Dad, hyaa.

If you go down that path,

it'll be terrible, hyaa.

GASP

Promise me——

Don't be unhappy, hyaa.

Never let me catch you unhappy, hyaa.

I want you to remember the words Ikenen's Foster-Papa said, hyaa.

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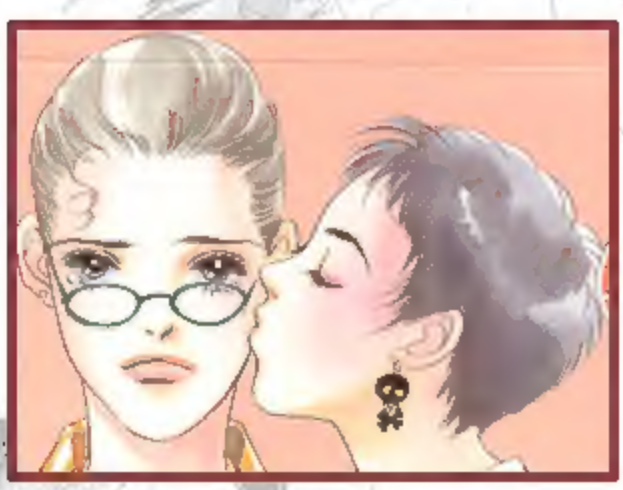

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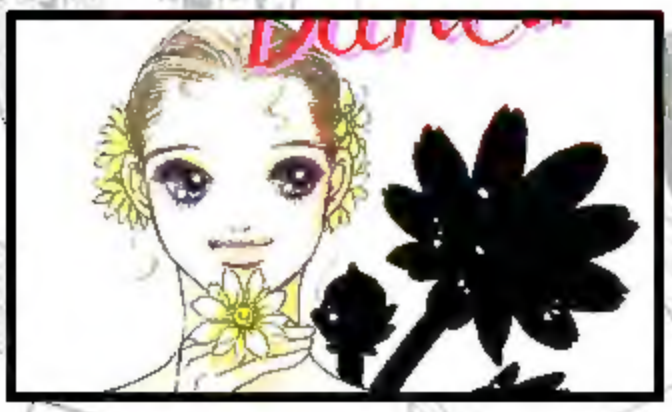

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